

# ニート だけど ハロワ にいったら 異世界

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「この子も触り心地いいですよ！」

「大丈夫。おいで」

ティリカの呼びかけに従って白虎が近寄り、  
ティリカに頭を擦り付ける。





a ゴルバス砦

b 森の奥の湖

c 馬牧場

d シオリイの町

e 農園

The fields of siory

# Prologue

Our wedding ended well. The next day, I woke up without much motivation.

Crook and Silva visited our house prior to dinner.

As the two people passed through our living room, my wives, as if knowing what to do, went and prepared dinner. Recently, Ellie has also been giving a helping hand. Later I'll appreciate her cooking skills. But that'll need to wait. For a long time.

"It's really been a while. Are you doing well?"

"Yeah, I was really surprised to hear that Masaru san already got himself married, but the you now doesn't look any different."

Crook shifted his position slightly, and said such thing to me.

"Just how did you do it, Masaru san?"

"No, that's not it. We can't even deny the fact that you married all these 4 girls at once. Masaru san, no, please let me call you Masaru aniki."

Silva nodded.

"What are you guys saying? We're friends, no? Didn't we already confirm our friendship a long time ago?"

"What friends. You're far beyond us."

Silva also nodded.

"Oi, stop it. I'm just your everyday friend, Masaru. I don't care even if you call me Masaru chan, for Pete's sake."

"No, we won't go as far as to call you Masaru chan."

"Yea, no way."

As usual, Silva retort such. This son of a bitch.

"I see. Now I regret saying that."

"Well, jokes aside, congratulations on your wedding. The monsters in my

heart whisper that I should kill you, but I will bless you for today.”

“Congratulations, Masaru.”

“Ah, this is kind of a surprise, but thanks, both of you. Even so, it’s been a long time now since I last saw you guys.”

“We accepted a long-term escort mission. Our client went to the Empire.”

“Ho, that’s nice. I’ve never been to an Imperial city before.”

I have never even been to the capital of the kingdom. Since I’ve come to this world, the only places I’ve been to are here and Gorbas Fortress.

“The mission wasn’t so good you know.”

“Why? It’s an easy escort mission. Compared to you guys, my situation at the fortress was much more dire.”

“Too easy.”

“Isn’t that a nice thing?”

“We heard about Gorbas Fortress and the urgent mission just one day after our departure.”

“We don’t know if the timing was good or bad.”

Perhaps the timing was really good. Of all days, it occurred during the Harpie raids last time. These guys, maybe they have some special ability to avoid dangers towards themselves. I really want to make them my slaves, and examine this skill thoroughly...

“It was bad timing, really. Lazard san was super pissed.”

“Why?”

“He wanted us to help in the rescue mission. Since we were in the middle of our escort mission, there’s no way we could abandon it halfway, right?”

“That’s true.”

“That’s why I desperately tried to persuade him to let us go. But if we deliberately abandoned the quest halfway, then the penalties imposed would be freaking heavy. Even though lots of adventurers were participating in the

relief mission, our strongest leader, Lazard san was unable to.”

“So, that’s the reason for his bad mood...”

“That’s not all. On the way to the Imperial city, we saw the army troops. Of course, they were the Kingdom troops and the Imperial troops.”

“Eehh...”

“Seeing that the kingdom was sending their troops to the fortress really helped me calm down my nerves. Besides, there are no more monsters on a road that the army has passed through.”

“That’s why we were so relaxed.”

“There really was nothing. Even when night comes, there was no sign of monsters approaching whatsoever. Our client, the merchant even said, [If I’d have known this from the start, then I wouldn’t have hired escorts!] something like that.”

“Hahah...”

“Without Reed san’s interference, the head merchant’s head might have been chopped off flying already. He didn’t even notice when he was in a situation where he might die at any moment.”

“Wow.”

“We were really scared you know!”

Silva too, showed an exaggerated move to emphasize their story.

“I see. You guys also faced some difficulties on your end.”

“How is the situation at your side? We only came back today and I only heard a little about the fortress.”

“Ah, on that day, we———”

I begin with our first day, when we were on the journey towards the fortress. Then continue about what happened at the Pioneer Village, as I heard it from the people of the Order, and then about what happened inside the fortress.

We continue talking while eating our dinner. Ellie also chimed in from time to time. Since Ellie had been dispatched earlier to Pioneer Village for a quest, she

is more knowledgeable about the whole situation than me.

Both of them excuse themselves after dinner.

“We don’t want to disturb you guys, you newlyweds.”

“I see. I really want to talk more with you guys.”

“If so, come to the guild training ground tomorrow morning. We can continue there.”

“...just talking?”

“Of course. There’s no way I’m thinking of killing you in disguise of training now, right?”

“Oi.”

“Just kidding. Well, half kidding at least.”

“Whatever, I just felt a chill down my spine. If you’re fine, I can be your partner(sparring) you know.”

“Ho—. Then, see you tomorrow.”

“Oi, don’t you even dare to call out Lazard san.”

“——It’s okay, I won’t call him, I promise!!——”

It goes without saying that next day, I beat them both ragged with the bokken (wooden sword).

# Chapter 1: Wild Rabbit and Sacred Treasure

There are problems that can't be set aside.

The matter of skills, matter of apostles.

When I was discussing it with Ann regarding the best method that will leave me safe at living room, Tilika came over.

I wonder why, she is sewing together with Sati just a while ago.

Tilika was already in close relation with Sati since before our marriage, but since then she has opened up with Ann and Ellie too. Well, I still have lots of thing to do, so it's really good that all of them can get along together.

"What's wrong?"

Tilika tilt her head when she saw us stopped talking.

As expected of Tilika who is a professional. Ann answered that it was not anything, I thought that it was dangerous at a moment there.

"That's a lie. What are you guys discussing?"

Ann and me face each other. Hey, isn't this bad?

"Fufufu. It seems that the time has come for me to reveal my secret!"

"What are you saying now..."

"Masaru's secret?"

"That's right. My secret. Can you help me call Ellie and Sati? I want everyone to listen to what I'm going to say now."

"I got it. I'm calling them now."

Both of us look at Tilika who left the living room just a while ago.

"I'm sorry, I let it slip again."

"Well, sooner or later you will have to tell everyone anyway."

"Uuh. Even the High Priest has found it out earlier, I'm really bad at this..."

“Not really, it just can’t be helped. This is not Ann fault.”

It was already proven that human mouth is very loose on information control, thus resulting leak of information. No matter how meticulously we tried to hide something, it will be exposed sooner or later. Plus, it is really bad when people who can easily see through the secret like High Priest and Tilika exist.

“But...”

“Yes, yes. Let’s get ready, everyone is coming now. I hope that Ann will help me a little, since Ellie can be scary once she is angry.”

“Understood, I’ll help you.”

The living room is warm due to the fire from the fireplace.

We have two sofas in front of the fireplace, enough to seat everyone at one time.

Soon after, Sati came. And then Tilika point to the stair, telling us that Ellie has descended from 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. She seems to be taking a nap. She looks damn sleepy at the moment. Isn’t this a good chance? Let’s do this, while Ellie is still muddled by her sleep.

“Everyone, I have something important to tell you guys tonight.”

“This is really sudden, this important thingy.”

Ellie give a big yawn and asked so.

“Last time, I tell you guys that I came from some distant countries. But actually, I’m a resident from different world.”

“Huh?”

What? Their reactions are kind of mild somehow...

Here how it should go; [What the hell!?], is what I expected form them.

“You’re from some distant place somewhere. Yeah, I’ve heard of it before.”

Is it because my words didn’t properly reach them? Is it normal to just assume it as a ‘faraway’ place like that?

“It’s not some faraway country you know, it’s a totally different world.”

“Masaru sama, where is different world?”

“Uh?”

Where is it? The only thing that I know is that I was brought here by God.

“Ann, you understand, right? about different world.”

“That is...somewhere very far from here...?”

Then, you didn't even understand what is the situation now, isn't it! I wonder if it was because my explanation up to now was too vague for her...

Sigh, is there any way for me to properly convey the explanation to these people here, whose knowledge is only up to par with that of Medieval Age?

“Umm you see. There is another world which doesn't exist in this universe.”

“Universe? What is the connection between this matter with the star at the sky?”

No way, this can't be. Should I explain them from the basic? Even if I do explain to them about the theory of universe, the residents of this world are not even in the other planet of my galaxy, Milky Way. If I explain to them about the parallel world theory or something, will it be possible for them to understand it more?

But wait...this world resembling a miniature garden, is it a planet in a first place?

Since my arrival, I always thought that this world resembles Earth a lot, but in this world, God and magic exist. It is a fantasy world. It is highly possible that this world is just a miniature garden.

If it is so, then the theory of the universe is totally useless.

“Th-then, try to imagine it like this. There is a world where demons and magics don't exist.”

“The world without any demons might be peaceful, but without magic too? Human civilization will collapse that way you know.”

“The world over there is not affected by magic you know.”

“You said there is no magic, but isn't Masaru capable of magic right now?”

Ah, now that you said it. I only realized it after Ellie pointed it out.

“Simply said, that kind of world exist. Parallel world. No magic, no demon. Such is my hometown. Ok?”

“Aa, un. Somewhere in this world there exist Masaru hometown. I understand.”

Bad. They still think that it’s just some distant country.

“Another world...what do you think about it, Tilika?”

“I can just tell that he is not lying.”

“Is that so? Then that really is the case. I thought he is going to tell us about my ring. Is this the only thing that you want to say?”

That’s it! Explaining about another world to them will be difficult, so I will put it aside for now. The most important thing right now is about me being an apostle.

“Ah, no. I’m still not finished yet. There are still some others that I need to tell you guys too.”

“Oh? Is it about the ring?”

“Yes. That ring, I got it from God.”

“God? You mean the God, as in that God?”

“I don’t know which God is in your mind, but that God. He asked me to address him as Itou-kami.”

Do you mean Itōusura sama? He is like, one of the Major God.”

Last time, I already told Ann regarding my abilities to temper skills, still, I haven’t talk about the matter regarding God with her yet.

“I don’t know. When I asked his name, he introduced himself as Itou. But I think his face resemble that of the shrine God.”

“How is it, Tilika.”

“He didn’t tell a lie.”

“This thing, rather than a legendary-class item...isn’t it a sacred treasure? Just

how did you managed to get this?”

Huh? You really want to know it? This is one of my black history, that’s why I don’t want to talk much about it.

“I tried to hunt Wild Rabbit before, but...”

“Haa?”

“You said Wild Rabbit? Is it about the story that has been circulated in the Guild for a while?”

I never talked about it, but it seems like Ann already knows. Well that place is really famous within this town after all...

“Aa, yea. That’s the story.”

“Wild rabbit? Meaning?”

Should I really tell all the details? Given the situation, I have not much choice, isn’t it...?

“When I first came here, I went to hunt the Wild Rabbit.”

“You really like them, those Wild Rabbits.” –Ann

I will hunt at the meadow whenever I’m on the way back home. Wild rabbit meat is lined up every day in my dish.

“After hunting for the whole day, my strength was sapped. I had also overused my magic power.”

“Did you run out of magical power?” –Ellie

“Un. At that time, I managed to knock down the rabbit, but in the end, I fell down. Some people carried me to the town because I passed out near the highway.”

“No way, you must be kidding? Against the Wild Rabbit?”

Ellie showed an unamused face full with disappointment.

“I wish I could say so ...”

“Sigh~. This is really unexpected, how come, against the Wild Rabbit...” –Ann  
Why are you sighing now? It’s not like I want tell this!

“After that it became a famous rumor as a man who fought desperately with a Wild Rabbit and forcing me to be holed up several days inside Inn room.”

“Masaru is pretty bad.” –Tilika

That is some harsh comment, Tilika...however, I managed to reenact sweet revenge against them later on you know.

“You’re wrong! After that, I went to hunt the Wild Rabbit again, and properly become a Wild Rabbit Hunter, both in name and achievement! I never lose to Wild Rabbit anymore!”

“I have never heard someone lost to Wild Rabbit 1v1 before! I’ve never been this ashamed!”

“Urgh, I’m sorry...”

“Then? How is this story related to the ring?”

“You see, later on I write it in the diary which I always used to report to God. After I wrote up a log about what is happening with the hare, I got a reply from God, saying that it’s amusing. Thus, the ring.”

“Isn’t that just too pitiful!?”

If you asked me, even I wholeheartedly agree.

“Sacred treasure...just for Wild Rabbit, the Sacred treasure...This thing feels like it worth less now...”

“Sorry. That’s all to it.”

“I-it’s okay! Masaru sama is strong and cool!”

Sati, thank you...you’re the only one who is always strangely kind towards me.

## Chapter 2: Divine Protection, Transfer and Summoning Magic

“God, you say. Is it the truth, Tilika?”

Ellie asked Tilika. She went and asked for confirmation right away.

“He is not telling lies.”

“Alright. But why are you writing a diary to God and reporting it?”

“I was looking for a job. You know, over “there” exists some organization that will help you look for any job placement...”

After going to Hello Work to find a job, I was told to join the Guild in this town. Of course, I was told about the Skills too.

“Hey Masaru?”

“Yea?”

“Last time, didn’t you always go on and on about how you’re not only a genius, but you practiced a lot too?”

“Ah, that is, you see...there is no way I can simply tell you the truth, regarding the God, right?”

I don’t know if they will make a ruckus if I simply tell them the truth right away, but I don’t doubt that they will treat me like some sort of strange person afterwards.

“I guess you’re right. Even if I were told about it before, there is no way I’ll take it seriously.”

“This is a good news for you Ellie. You can learn the skills that you want with the power of God.”

“Eh? Seriously?”

“Yea. I want to talk about it today too.”

I check the status menu. Hmm, Tilika is currently level 4. Let’s see Elizabeth one.

Actually, I already asked God before, regarding Ellie level being too low. It’s too low for an active adventurer in duty for 4 years. Unexpectedly, the answer arrived.

My experience value and the rise in status were boosted by God ‘s help. In other words, if you’re just a regular adventurer, even if you actively fight against the demon, getting into B rank after 4 years is still an accomplishment. Her status is also quite low. This is one tough world...

“I already improved Sati and Ann’s basic stats. You guys can think of it as some sort of Divine Protection.”

“For Sati, I can understand. Ann and myself, what kind of relation will enable you to ‘bless’ us?”

“You see, that thing. The love degree, or affection level. For your information, if your degree of affection towards me isn’t high enough, then it’s impossible for me to raise your ability.”

I don’t like the term loyalty level, that’s why I explained it to them in terms of feeling of love or affection level.

“Right, right. Truthfully, all of you are already eligible for Divine Protection even before our wedding ceremony. But I didn’t tell you guys yet that time to avoid confusion. I just wanted to have this talk slowly, over time.”

“Am I eligible for one?”

“Of course you are, Tilika.”

I write mine, Sati and Ann’s current skills on the paper and show it to them.

**Masaru Level 21 Skill 1P**

Skill Reset	Rasgarde World Standard Language	Clock
Cooking level 2	Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2
Presence Detection level 4	Enhanced Physical Fitness Recovery	Willpower

Physical Reinforcement level 2	Shield level 3	Evasion level 3
Martial Art level 1	Archery level 3	Knife Throwing level 2
Swordsmanship level 4	Magical Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 5
Magical Power Enhancement level 5	MP Recovery level 5	MP Usage Reduction level 5
Common Magic	Life Magic	Recovery Magic level 5
Fire Magic level 5	Water Magic level 3	Wind Magic level 3
Earth Magic level 4		

**Sati Level 24 Skill 13P**

Cooking level 2	Household level 2	Sewing level 2
Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2	Sound Detection level 4
Smell Detection level 3	Sturdy	Hawk Eyes
Mind’s Eye	Physical Reinforcement level 4	Agility level 4
Evasion level 4	Shield level 2	Swordsmanship level 5
Archery level 5		

**Angela Level 4 Skill 2P**

Cooking Level 3	Housework Level 2	Cudgel Martial Art level 1
Magical Sensing Level 1	Recovery Magic Level 4	Water Magic Level 2
Magical Power Enhancement level 2	MP Usage Reduction level 2	

I’m going to explain about the points as well as the skills.

Elizabeth has 75P left. Tilika has 20P.

“I want Space Magic!”

As expected.

“...please think carefully before making your choice. The lost point can’t be returned back.”

“How about Masaru Skill Reset?”

“That skill is exclusive for me alone. I tried it on Sati before, it didn’t work.”

“Fuun...It must be Space Magic after all, there is no other way!”

**Elizabeth Level 15 Skills 75P**

Magic Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 1	Recovery Magic level 1
Space Magic Level 1	Fire Magic level 1	Water Magic level 1
Wind Magic level 4	Earth Magic level 2	

I check through Elizabeth’s skills.

She is amazing. Including the Recovery magic, she is compatible with many other attributes. She already has High Speed Chanting skill too. If I were to use all 75P, then I’m sure she will turn into an outstanding wizard.

“Alright then. I’ll select that.”

For the time being, I increased her Space Magic by 2 level. From level 1 to level 2 consumed 4P, and from level 2 to level 3 consumed 6P. Overall consumption are 10P, so there are 65P left. The consumption is twice as much as the standard elemental magic. To unlock it requires 10P. increasing it to level 2 requires 4P, then 6P, 8P and 40P consecutively. Still, 40P for the highest level is still too much...

“Eh? Already? That’s all?”

“The how-to of the Spatial Magic should already be in your head now.”

After selecting the desired skill, the knowledge should already be inside our head.

【Spatial magic】① Create item box ② Short range teleportation ③ Long distance transfer “This...this is it...”

Suddenly Elizabeth stood up and started chanting.

“Ah, oi, stop it!”

I managed to restrict Ellie on time and let her sit down.

“What’s your deal!? I’m trying to chant Teleportation just now!”

“No can do. You’ve yet to put out all the contents inside your Item Box first.”

“Ah...”

“You might faint, you know...”

During the teleportation, the overall mass will be considered, proportional to magic consumption. We’re lucky because this fact was told by Sergeant dono last time.

All the items inside the Item Box will be considered too. It was said that if one were to chant Teleportation while Item Box is loaded with goods, then there is a high probability that the mage will deplete all his/her magic power reserve, and collapse.

“Th-that’s right. I’m sorry. I got carried away in a moment just now. Thank you, Masaru.”

I asked her to unload all her items in her room. As soon as I said that, she went out.

“I want Summoning Magic.” – Tilika

I wonder why she chose such a rare magic...

“If you’re using such rare magic in public, then won’t you stand out a lot?”

“It’s okay. I always wanted to try Summoning Magic.”

Hmm. If she insists that much, then it can’t be helped. I hope this won’t cause a commotion or something.

**Tilika Level 4 Skill 20P**

Cooking level 1	Evil Eyes of Truth or Lies	Magical Sense level 1
Water Magic level 3		

Tilika’s skillset is unexpectedly simple.

Besides cooking skill which she just achieved recently, the only other skills that she has are Evil Eyes, low level Magical Sense and Water magic. Personally, I think that for her to achieve level 3 Water magic is quite an amazing feat.

“I’ll unlock Summoning Magic level 1 for the time being. Alright, it’s done.”

This skill consumes 10P. Only 10P remaining now.

“...I got it now.”

Just when she wants to try it, Ellie comes back from her room.

“Masaru! Help me keep this fried chicken! It’s going to get cold!”

“Ah, that’s right. it won’t be tasty anymore if it gets cold.”

Ellie’s addiction towards fried chicken has really turned towards an unhealthy level now.

I tried to offer deep-fried potatoes, cutlets, fried fish, tempura, and many other fried foods, but she seems to like this best. Erie’s item box is always filled with fried chicken.

I’m worried. I hope she won’t get fat.

The fried chickens were already stored inside an incubator, so I just stored it inside my Item Box.

Isn’t this a bit too much? I wonder if she’ll refill her stocks after we get back.

“Then, I present to you guys my first ever short distance teleportation!”

Ooh *claps claps*. Everyone starts applauding.

With a slight fried chicken smell on the air, Ellie starts chanting.

“Transfer!”

Her figure disappeared, and then reappeared at the corner of the room.

“How is it!”

“That’s incredible, Elizabeth-san!”

“But if it requires the Item Box to be empty first, then won’t this spell be unusable for a regular adventurer?”

It should be possible if the caster has a large reserved of magical power. Even so, considering the usual amount of goods in the Item Box to total MP ratio, it’ll still remain as an inhuman feat.

“Th-that’s not true! I’m sure that this spell has it owns use! Plus, my Item Box is bigger now, and now I’m capable of chanting **Long Range Transfer** too!”

“Then for the long-range transfer, you think you can do it?”

“I can go to the places that I have been and registered before. The max are

just 3 places for now. I wonder if the maximum limit can be increased if I practice it more.”

So, this spell requires me to at least be at the destination at least once and it requires marking. Furthermore, the total destination that I can transfer to is limited by 3 places only. This spell is more inconvenient than I thought.

“Because the magical power consumption is high with this one, I can’t do it without a moment’s notice.”

For now, she is registering this house as a destination. As for the other one, she is considering to register Olba-san’s hometown village.

“I’m sure that Nania will get surprised to find me suddenly at her house. Fufufu...”

While Ellie is grinning, suddenly my sleeve was pulled by Sati.

“Masaru sama, please look over here! This girl is so cute!”

There is a white mouse on top of Tilika’s palm. It’s a beautiful mouse.

“I summoned it.”

Everyone gathered around Tilika to see the mouse.

“Isn’t it cute.”

“I agree. But with its size being so small, what can it do?”

“It’s useful once you’re familiar with it.”

As Tilika said so, the mouse jumped out from the palm and went out of the living room.

“It can share visual and auditory perception.”

“This guy must be convenient for reconnaissance jobs.”

Soon the mouse came back with a small spoon.

“Tilika-chan, amazing!”

Sati is happy to receive a spoon from the mouse.

Tilika shows a slightly happy expression after being praised by Sati. Her face is usually expressionless, but nowadays I realize that she has quite a variety of

expressions too at times.

“This child is a spirit manifested by magical power. Although it seems like it doesn’t have any personality...”

The mouse fades away, and reappears back.

“It can be freely summoned and re-summoned.”

“Are there any other thing that you can summon?”

“For now, I can only call this child. Given time, I might be able to summon others.”

Ellie and Ann is fascinated with the mouse running freely on top of Sati’s hand.

“If you want, I can increase your summoning level by 2 more. Do you want to?”

“I want to raise it.”

“Alright, I’m raising your Summoning Magic level now. Alright, it’s done.”

Tilika nodded. With this all her point is used up.

“Go ahead, try it out.”

Tilika makes the mouse appear and disappear again.

“What are you going to call next?”

“What should I do? The size should be as big as Wild Rabbit.”

“Why don’t you get a hawk?”

Ann gives her thought. A hawk is also good for reconnaissance.



I wonder how big is the size for level 2 Summoned being, might be a suitable one to be in combat.

“I’m going to try.”

Tilika started chanting.

“Hawk, hawk, come. A cute one.”

Such a chant, will it be okay?

Contrary to my expectation, the chant completed successfully, and the hawk appeared within the circle of light in front of Tilika. It screeches, and widens its wings. When you look carefully at its eyes and its head tilt, it's actually quite cute too.

"Soo cute! Hey, name it. Let's give it a name!"

"Don't tell me you named the previous mouse too."

"Yes! I already named it Pani!"

I don't get it at all...

"How about we call it Hawk (ホーク)?"

That's a good name. The name 'Hawk' is pronounced in English, unlike local language.

"Hook?"

Sati tilts her head at the unfamiliar word.

"Hawk, Hawk, come over here."

Tilika seems to like the name. She tried to reach out to it by her hand.

"It hurts."

He hopped away quickly, and gave a cry, as if apologizing.

"Ah, you're bleeding. Here, 【Heal】"

"Be careful. Its claw is sharp, you might get scratched."

"I understand. Hawk, come here."

She pointed to the back of the chair. Hawk flapped its wings and flies on top of it.

Everyone surrounds Hawk.

"This guy is pretty cute too. Can I touch it without getting scratched?"

"It's okay. Safe."

"It's fluffy!"

“Right. It feels nice to touch.”

I tried to touch it and it feels nice like they said.

“Masaru. Bad.”

“Huh? What’s wrong, Tilika?”

“I don’t have enough magical power to try out level 3 summoning. What should I do?”

Tilika looks over with sad eyes.

“Ah, no problem. I can help you replenish your magical power.”

“Wait a minute. Just now, you said something that I can’t overlook. Supplementing magic power you said?”

“It’s a Magical Power Supplement. I unlock this skill alongside Recovery Magic level 5. Ann should know about this right?”

“Don’t know.”

“But this information was told to me by Bishop sama from the fortress you know.”

“Hmm, as far as I can tell you, such information doesn’t exist within our shrine.”

“Is that so? Anyway, it’s possible to recover magical power with recovery magic.”

I turn to face Tilika.

“Then do it.”

Start chanting 【Light of miracle】—— there is no need to recover physical strength. I’m cutting the range, focusing in magical power only...

Miraculous light is activated and Tilika is wrapped in a blurry light for a moment. I checked her menu, the MP was full.

“Your magical power is full now.”

“Thank you, Masaru. I love you.”

Tilika hugged me tightly.

“Y-yeah. I’ll do this anytime for you.”

“Wait a moment. You never done this to me before. Care to explain?”

“Ah, I still haven’t mastered it yet during our time at the fortress. If I’m not mistaken, I only remembered it during after the Kingdom troops arrive? At that time, there is no longer any need to use it anymore.”

“Ah, I see. My bad.”

“Besides, there is no way that I can’t help Ellie, who I love so much, right? If it’s you, then I’ll gladly do it, even until my magic power is depleted!”

Tonight is Ellie’s turn. By doing this, I can help raise her mood.

Of course, whatever I said is my honest thought.

“R-really? Of course it is. I believe you.”

“Not only that, didn’t I give the ring to you too last time.”

I hold Ellie’s hand.

“Un. That ring is very important to you, right?”

Ah, I was reluctant to give it actually. Well, what’s done is done.

While I’m flirting around with Ellie, the third summoning has ended.

Ellie’s complexion suddenly changed, and I heard some kind of growling at my back. When I turned around I saw a large white tiger.

“I-it’s very big...”

“Y-you’re right...”

Facing a large tiger inside this small living room makes me feel kind of scared myself. Even if I know that this beast was summoned by Tilika, the horrible feeling won’t fade away.

“H-hey, is this fine?”

Ann’s voice is shaking a little.

“It’s okay. Come here.”

The white tiger went to Tilika and rubbed its head.

“This child feels nice to touch too!”

“Its name...What should I do?”

Tilika looks at me. I start thinking again.

“It’s a tiger, so why don’t you name it ‘Tiger’?”

They are fine with ‘Hawk’, therefore I think this one will be accepted too.

“Tiger. Tiger.”

She decided on it quickly. This naming sense can be considered amazing though, coming from another world resident perspective as myself. A tiger is a ‘Tiger’. Hawk is ‘Hawk’. I wonder if these guys are interested with the language of my world.

Ann and Ellie are afraid to touch it. I tried to touch it, this one is fluffy too.

“If it’s this big then won’t you be able to ride on it?”

“Get on.”

Tiger let Tilika straddle on it after she gave it her command.

“Go.”

She keeps circling around the living room.

“Tilika-chan, me too! Me too!”

In the end, everyone gave it a try. This tiger has a good personality.

“So, which part did I stop at last just now?”

After we’re satisfied playing with Tiger, we sit back and rest on the living room sofa.

It lied down besides Tilika. Even if it is left alone, it seems that there won’t be any extra consumption during running periods.

“Left about Masaru being a Hero.”

“No, no you’re wrong. I already told you that I’m just an apostle.”

“A hero is an apostle too. There are no differences.”

“You’re being unreasonable, Ellie...”

“Isn’t it a waste? You have that much ability, won’t it be good to use it for the sake of the people and the world?”

“That is still doable, but being a hero is a bit too much. Do you think it’s possible for me to go to the Demon Realm and defeat all the Devil?”

“...yup, impossible.”

Ellie too, has read the story of the Hero. That’s why she should know what is the qualities that a hero must possess to overcome all difficulties.

“Right? In the first place, God said I can do whatever I want in this world.”

“Then why don’t you just become a hero? If you asked me, then I’d say you fulfill all the basic requirements.”

“Even if someone asks you to?”

“I know. Masaru stomach will get his stomach burst open.” (tl note: Might be a Japanese idiom, I don’t know) “It’s not only left with hole in my stomach. I’ll die!”

“Alright, alright. I’ll absolutely keep it a secret from the others.”

“I wonder who is the one with a loose enough mouth that let Head Priest know?”

“Urgh. At least Head Priest already give his word that he will keep silent.”

“Stop teasing Ann, Ellie. He is like Ann’s family member already, it’s not surprising that he can read her like the back of his hand. I was suspected as an apostle in the first place anyway.”

“If Masaru said so, then it’s okay. But what are you going to do if the Demon Lord really gets resurrected?”

“If that happens, then I’ll try to think of something. No matter what, there is no way to confirm myself as a hero. Maybe while we’re talking, another hero was born elsewhere?”

God said that this world will face destruction after 20 years. It’s not like I’m going to turn a blind eye toward this matter, just that I won’t focus on it for now.

Of course, if my family is involved somehow, then I'll step in, otherwise it will be stupid of me not to. Even though I refuse to become a hero, I'll still do something when the time comes. I hope that God can find someone else to replace me though, I really don't want to work as a hero, too risky.

I want to live peacefully with my wives. That's all I'll ever ask for.

## Chapter 3: Family

After much discussion, we decided to put Ellie's skill upgrade on hold. In order to increase her Spatial magic to the highest level, an amount of 48P will be required. Right now, she has 65P, but she said that she is going to think it over first.

After that Tilika declares this.

"I'm going to enter Masaru's party too."

"How about your job?"

Ann asked Tilika. a Truth Official job's scale is not that small that she can spend some time on adventurer quests.

"I quit."

"You said quit, but it's not like it's an easy thing to do, no?"

"I just need to tell my master. Plus, he is still at this town."

"But why so suddenly?"

I asked her. I wonder if it's because she is envious that everyone else has become an adventurer or maybe, she just wants to find a reason to release her Summoning magic. Surely, she doesn't want to be the one left at home while all of us went to do quests.

"Because Masaru is an apostle."

"So, you're going to enter my party, just because I might be an apostle, right?"

Tilika gave a nod.

"Long time ago, there used to be a Truth Official that has joined the Hero's party."

Together with the Hero and another party members, they went through many adventures together. However, in the end, he didn't manage to follow the hero

during their final confrontation with the Demon King.

As for the reason why he didn't follow the hero during their final battle, nobody has the exact details. He regretted his action, so much that he passed out an unwritten law stating that once the next Hero appeared, there must be a representative from the Truth Official's to accompany him. It is said that until now the law is still uphold.

"I'm not a hero, you know."

"Even so, if there is a slight possibility for you to be one, it's fine. Right, Tilika-chan?"

"It's sufficient. If everyone knows that I've missed this opportunity, they will surely get mad at me."

"Then don't be disappointed if I remained as an apostle."

"Don't worry. That won't happen."

Later on, together with Tilika, we went and met with Tilika's scary master.

"Master, I have a request."

Tilika cuts to the chase as soon as we get seated.

Right now, we're in an ordinary looking room. In fact, even this inn can be said to be on an average level. I heard that he is some kind of bigshot, so why choose this plain place?

"What?"

"I want you to call off my duty as a Truth Official responsible for this town."

"Why now?"

"Because I'm going to become an adventurer and enter Masaru's party."

"Why? You 're going to get a large amount of reparation for abandoning your job without any reasonable reasons. You should know that already, right?"

"This situation can be regarded as the 3<sup>rd</sup> clause of special notes. Accordingly, the headquarters must send replacement for me."

What is this 3<sup>rd</sup> clause of special notes?

I got worried because Tilika suddenly became silent.

“Hoho! I see, this must be a serious thing if you mentioned 3<sup>rd</sup> clause. Are there any reasons for it?”

“I can’t say it, rather, this is not the correct time to say it yet.”

It’s not like she can’t say anything, she just chose not to.

If the question is pursued any further, then the organization known as Truth Official office will collapse due to being oversuspicious.

To order to maintain harmony within the organization, a law was passed up to avoid internal interrogation.

Me too, even while talking to Ann, there are still things that I’d prefer not say.

“What should I tell the headquarters if you can’t give me the reason?”

“It’s bad to inform the headquarters about the 3<sup>rd</sup> clause. I hope that master can keep this just between us.”

“Is it because of that man?”

“I can’t say that.”

“Then are you tired with this line of work?”

“A bit. But trust me, I’m only doing this to fulfill my duty as a Truth official.”

“Fulfill your duty?”

“To some extent, yes, for now. However, if I’m proven wrong, then you can take my life when that happens.”

“...Understood. Just do whatever you want. I’m going to request replacement from headquarters. For now, I’ll act as the substitute.”

“Thank you, Master.”

“But you, over there. Just what do you have enough to make Tilika wager her life, I wonder?”

“Perhaps this is a wrong thing to do. I think that for Tilika to bet her life on something like this is an outrageous thing.”

It's not like I'm worth that much, perhaps she is concerned about the oncoming destruction of the world.

"Tilika said that she is willing to bet her life. Can you do the same?"

"I'm willing."

Tilika is part of my family now, betting my life is nothing.

"Fine. Officer Tilika, don't ever forget your roots as a Truth Official. Always fulfill your duty."

"Understood. Let's go, Masaru."

And that ends our conversation. Now that I think back, I forgot to ask that person's name again.

Next is the Adventurer Guild. This time I need to report this to the guild vice leader.

"Just now, the 3<sup>rd</sup> clause that you guys were talking about, what is it?"

"The third clause is the provision when faced with the situation related to the world trend."

Truth Officials has a strict chain of command, that's why there is not much leeway during their duty. When some major situation occurred, an exceptional action can be made according to the 3<sup>rd</sup> clause.

Well, her master said this won't turn out into something big.

"Honestly, saying that appearances of an apostle will change the world trend is a bit of an overstatement."

"That ability of yours. Why do you think God give Masaru such power?"

"That is because he wants me to test out various skills."

God himself said so.

"Why do you need to test them first?"

So that I would be prepared when the push comes to shove, I guess.

"So that I'll be prepared enough when the situations comes to it, is what I think God had in mind. There shouldn't be anything else."

It is only logical. There is no need to use the [Devil Eye] to confirm it.

“Are you trying to say that the Demon King might be resurrected, and I might be the Chosen One?”

“I don’t know. But no matter what, there is no doubt that Masaru is a Hero material. With the power you have then it’s easy for you to become one.”

I see. This argument put it into a new perspective for me.

One way or another, I think Sati will suit as a Hero more than myself.

Well, there is no reason for Sati to turn into one in the first place.

“My [Devil Eye] is useful during a journey. I’m also capable of [Summoning Magic]. I’ll protect Masaru. Besides, there is also nee-chan, Ann and Ellie. No matter what happens, it will be okay.”

“Yeah. Thank you, Tilika.”

I said that and stroked Tilika’s head.

That’s right. There’s no need for me to do everything myself. I don’t want to end this lifestyle yet, that’s why I kept silent. But maybe, maybe I should tell them everything properly, and ask for their cooperation.

This world will be destroyed after 20 years. Just a little bit more, there will be no harm if I enjoyed this kind of life for a little bit more...

We arrived at the guild and straightaway went to the vice leader’s room. He is currently free from work now.

“Oh, isn’t it Masaru and Tilika. Today is a day off. Don’t tell me, you guys went to visit just to see my face!”

The guild vice leader gave a hearty laugh.

“Today I came to tell you that I quit.”

“O-oh? Don’t tell me, you’re already expecting...?”

As usual, Tilika’s lack of explanation is a problem. But the vice leader too, why must he think of that, off all things? Just how would one get a child in a short period of time is beyond me. Plus, I’m doing it properly too, I mean the contraception.

“That’s not it. This time, Tilika will be joining my party too.”

“Fuun. It’s not like I’m not okay with it, but how about your job here?”

“Master will come to explain. He will prepare a substitute too.”

“Is that so? Then Masaru’s party is consisted of 5 people now? What is the name of your party?”

“Eh? Name...what should it be?”

I look at Tilika.

“Don’t know.”

That’s right. I’ve never thought about it before.

“Since you’re going to register you better give it some thought.”

When it was just Sati with me, I didn’t need to think about this kind of thing. But now that our party has grown, I need to decide on one.

“No matter what you must decide on one. Take care of it properly, Masaru.”

“Hmm, I’m always around in this town. You can always see me.”

“Drain has always taken care of us. Thank you.”

“It’s alright, for now. It was really serious back then. I think there shouldn’t be anyone like them anymore. Still, Masaru, be careful always. After she quits her job at the Guild, there will be no more escorts assigned to her.”

During the first time Tilika was here, she had fought against the criminal and corruption in this town with her [Devil Eye]. There were a lot of offenders back then. That was really a while back, so nowadays the counts are not as numerous as before. But that doesn’t mean that they can be relaxed yet.

“That’s alright now. We already prepared several countermeasures.”

Now that Tilika is capable of summoning beasts in addition to her magic, she is not an opponent that a mere thug can defeat. Of course, I’m not planning to leave Tilika alone at all times.

“Okay. Tell me if you need anything. I’ll try to help with the best I can.”

The next moment the vice guild leader said so, he made an exasperated voice

and Tilika halted.

“W, w, wh, wha...”

The vice guild leader’s eyes were hooked on the tiger, who suddenly appeared inside this narrow office. Oh shit!

“Calm down. This is my guard. Its Name is Tiger.”

I think that it is bad if you do that without notifying others first.

“Guard? This tiger? Just where did you get it?”

“Oi, is it okay for you to show it?”

I shouted at Tilika.

“It’s alright. Drain can be trusted. Drain, don’t ever tell anyone about this.”

“O-okay. I understand. Then, is this a product of magic?”

“Yes, something like that. Usually I kept it hidden, but I can summon it at any time.”

“Oh~. He seems strong.”

“Strong and cute.”

“I agree. If he is acting as your guard, then I don’t need to be worried. But this ability...Beast Tamer? ...Wrong, is it summoned?”

“Secret.”

“Ok, it’s a secret, I understand.”

Feeling relieved, he finally let Tilika join my party.

Since then, Tilika’s master has appeared at the guild. Because he has a certain intimidation aura with him, a lot of adventurers issued many pleas asking for Tilika’s return.

There is another problem remaining. I have to speak with the Head Priest. She said that he will keep silent for now, but I just wanted to make sure.

I already told Ann yesterday that I’m going to talk to him today.

As soon as we arrived at the shrine, we were greeted by the Head Priest and

was guided toward a small room. I faced the Head Priest while sitting side by side with Ann.

“I heard you have something that you would like to say today.”

“Yes. First of all, I wanted to thank you for our wedding ceremony the other day. Thank you for lending us the shrine ground and acting as our sponsor.”

“It’s okay. Sister Angela is already like my own daughter. Besides, Masaru too has helped a lot of times at our clinic before. Just consider it that we’re even now.”

Alright now to the main point.

“It’s that thing. I think you have caught a glimpse of it from your conversation with Angela before...”

“About that matter I’ve sworn to keep it towards myself. There’s no need for you to worry.”

“Yes. But I think that I should tell you all about it honestly.”

“If you’re willing to talk, then I’ll gladly listen to you.”

“Please keep it confidential, everything that you’re about to hear.”

“Of course. I’ll never spill anything.”

“I think you’re already aware that I’m an apostle.”

“Ehh, vaguely.”

“The story began when I was looking for a job...”

I repeat the story that I already told everyone.

Of course, I didn’t include the upcoming demise of this world, only up to the part where I arrived at this town.

“I see. To test the skill, is it.”

“There might be a possibility to fight against the Demon King after all. That’s why it will be troublesome if the existence of the apostle is exposed and their movement is restricted. Besides I hate being conspicuous in the first place.”

“I believe what you’re saying. I’ll never let this information out. Nevertheless,

Sister Angela.”

“A, yes sir.”

“Didn’t your Healing skills suddenly improve a lot nowadays?”

As expected, this guy is so sharp, he even noticed this. If I were to tell him that she improved a lot during our time at the fortress, will he ever buy it? Nah, no way.

“I strengthen Angela magic by using my ability. I call it Divine Protection.”

“Can you give that protection to anyone else?”

“No. Things like degree of affection, those things must be a certain level first.”

“Aah. I see. So, there is something like that. Then, how about Masaru-dono’s other wives?”

“Yes. Everyone already has the Divine Protection.”

“But this ability is really wonderful. It’s not unreasonable to call it Divine Protection.”

“Can you please keep this confidential too?”

“Of course, since it is the request from the apostle himself. I’ll definitely keep it myself. Just...”

Head Priest smiling face suddenly become clouded.

“The story of the masked travelling priest has reemerged again.”

“EH!?”

“Wasn’t there a lot of people who saw you in action at the fortress? We’ve got inquiry asking about you over here as well. Of course, the information has not been passed down unless it’s the involved personnel.”

“W-will this be alright?”

The situation was dire enough that time, that’s why I used quite a bit of Recovery Magic.

“Bishop-sama of the fort is also cooperating in keeping this secret. That’s why Masaru-dono’s name has not appeared during the investigation. Although it

seems that the identities of the inquirers have not been confirmed yet...”

I’m worried if I’m going to get exposed. What if I get exposed, what should I do?

“What will you do if I get exposed?”

“It’s in our Shrine interest to not make this messier than it already is. The matter related to the apostle’s will never be exposed. However, it can be clearly seen that the people above are interested with this matter. It’s not surprising if they started investigating all the adventurers.”

If that happens, will it be alright? It’s not like I’m fine with it, but I think that there will be no problem unless the story about me being an apostle is leaked.

“There is nothing that I can do about it. As usual, I’m relying on you.”

“But this is making me jealous. You said that you’re capable of increasing the abilities of someone you favored. What kind of skills does Sister Angela have now?”

“Higher level [Recovery Magic]. I also increased her overall magical power, and also usage of her magic power. She should have twice the amount of magical power than usual right now.”

“That’s amazing. So, this shows that the trust level between you and Sister Angela are mutual?”

“No. Only for Angela.”

“In other word, if somehow my confidence towards you increased more, then is it possible for me to gain the protection too?”

“Maybe.”

“Oh. Like this, my dream may be achievable. If that happens, then please.”

“Err, well it’s not like I can’t do it...”

There shouldn’t be any problem.

“Thank you, Masaru dono. Ah, how about we have a meal together after this?”

“No thanks. The meals are already prepared at my house.”

“Oh, please forgive me. You’re still a newlywed. I shouldn’t disturb you.”

“Sorry. If we’ve another chance, then.”

Head Priest is giving off a bright smile.

“Divine Protection, huh...then, maybe I too...fufufu...”

“Ah, with this I’m finished. Let’s go, Ann.”

“O-okay. Please excuse me, Head Priest.”

“Yes. Please come and visit whenever you’re free. You’re always welcome here.”

After we left the shrine, Ann takes a look back.

“I’ve never seen the Head Priest act like that before.”

I bet he is happy to know about the Divine Protection.

After much thought, we decided to name our party 『Samurai』. Ellie suggested the name 『Black Clothes of the Round Table』, but the opinion was dismissed since she is the only one who wears black.

“This is the name of the proud warrior of my hometown. They are the same with the knight class. Usually they’re responsible for domestic affair, but during war, they will fight till the last drop of their blood. It was said that the invaders from other nations will tremble once they heard about the Samurai.”

“Why not, since Masaru is our leader from now on.”

“That’s right. It doesn’t sound so bad too.”

“Samurai! What a nice name!”

Tilika is leaning backwards while watching us, as if everything doesn’t matter. Seriously, show some interest please.

We’ve decided on our party name. We also received all the equipment that we have ordered before. Next is some level grinding.

I’m worried for Ann and Tilika, since they have the lowest level and less skills. Plus, Ellie too, even if her level is high, her status is still too poor. To all members, strengthening is important.

Oh yeah, I've decided to use my surname for name, Yamano. It sounds like someone from countryside though.

They don't originally have surname, so Ellie said that using my surname for our family name is better.

From now on our family will be known as Yamano.

Me and Sati, plus the newly added Ann, Ellie and Tilika, our journey of new life starts now.

There is no concept of honeymoon in this world. Although we're taking a week break after our wedding, half of it was dedicated for preparations and strategy meeting for the upcoming battle. After that will be the life of hunting the bloody demons.

But everyone else seems to think that our upcoming battle is something that to be a matter of course, which I'm actually feeling thankful for. Still, I would like to consummate our newlywed's life a little bit more, and I hope I won't get punished for it.

That's why tonight, I'll ask everyone to wear their wedding dress one more time, and enjoy myself to the fullest!

## Chapter 4: Thunderclap on a Fine Day

We called our party Samurai, but actually we're specialized in long range combat.

Our party consists of a Magic Swordsman specialized with spells, a warrior wielding both bow and sword, a shrine priest who can use [Recovery Magic] and attack magic, a bonafide magician and a [Devil Eye] user who can use attack magic and [Summoning Magic].

Even though there is plenty of firepower, our party is still unbalanced. For the time being, I'd planned to use Golem to tank during battle. Normally both Sati and myself will act as the vanguard. But, in times of need we can still rely on byakko san.

During our vacation, we were discussing about our next plans. Ellie insisted for us to hunt the Demons as fast as possible. Then I argued saying that it'll do us best to familiarize ourselves with the surroundings first.

In this case, Ann will be the one who gives the final decision.

Sati always agrees with my opinion and naturally Tilika will be fine with whatever Sati has decided. If we're going for majority rule, then getting both of them at my side will lead me to a situation where my opinion will always succeed.

I think both Tilika and Sati are really expressing their opinions. But since they will always agree with me, their vote is not considered. That's why the only vote that will be counted are Ellie's, mine and Angela.

"If it's about 'firepower', then we have enough, albeit all if it is magic spells. It's better to raise the level and learn new skills."

"Then isn't it fine to level up around this area? We have Ann and Tilika who are unfamiliar with combat here, it won't hurt to progress carefully."

"Here is totally different compared to our earning from the Demons. Plus, our surplus money has decreased a lot during our wedding."

“Life is more important than money.”

“Demons really are scary. For the time being let’s do it nearby here.”

Ann’s last words gave a conclusion to our argument.

Even if she agreed to hunt the Demon, there’s no way one will appear this early on the day.

Currently, both me and Sati are still C rank, Elizabeth is B rank and both Angela and Tiliika is E rank until they made an achievement as an adventurer. Although we have a B rank in our party, we’ve yet to produce any result. According to Sergeant dono evaluation, our party is equivalent to C rank.

Actually, if we mapped all our party members’ ability and considered it as a team, then it’s not surprising that our party is C rank. Ellie however, is shocked since she is aiming to become S rank. It took me everything I had to calm her down. If you asked me, then I’ll absolutely be fine with this since I hate to be needlessly conspicuous.

Ellie finally decided to let go of her Space Magic level 5. Her skill list right now is like this:

**Elizabeth Level 15 0P**

Magic Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 2	Magical Power Enhancement level 4
MP Recovery level 4	MP Usage Reduction level 2	Recovery Magic level 1
Space Magic Level 4	Fire Magic level 1	Water Magic level 1
Wind Magic level 5	Earth Magic level 2	

**Wind Magic**

- 1. Wind Bullet
- 2. Wind Blades, Wind Wall
- 3. Lightning, Windstorm, Flight
- 4. Stronger Lightning, Destruction Gale
- 5. Stormy weather, Thunderclap

**Space Magic**

- 1. Create Item Box

2. Short Range Transfer
3. Long Range Transfer
4. Unlock Team Transfer

Even though a user of [Space Magic] is rare, we can still see a few Space mages every now and then. That's why it should be okay. However, we have reached an agreement that the usage of 'transfer' will be held off for now to avoid problem. Seems like if someone manages to catch wind that Ellie has mastered it till this level, then many troublesome things will happen.

Team transfer will allow us to transfer the whole party at once. In order to use it, we still need to register the destinations, just like long range transfer. As the level increases, it's possible that the destinations limit can be increased to 4 or more. Since we can't transfer unless we have registered the site, the only place that we can go right now is only this house.

After trying to invoke it, we found out that although possible, the burden that comes along with the 'Item Box' is just too immense. Surprisingly, my own Item Box is not considered.

"This is unfair!"

Yes, you're right. I'm sorry.

But this is not my fault in the first place. Please don't make a fuss out of it.

Seems like my 'Item Box' is considered as something other than [Space Magic], that's why it doesn't affect the transfer spell.

In the first place, ordinary 'Item Box' has some sort of weight limitation to it, but mine doesn't have it. If I'm not mistaken, isn't it already set to be unlimited from the get go? Like always, I can't seem to grasp what God is thinking. Well, it can be awkward if somehow 'transfer' can't be done because of my 'Item Box'.

Thus, it's decided that I'll be the one to carry everyone's baggage. The limit for each type of item is 100, but if I were to shove everything in a box, then it will still be treated as one. This is rather convenient, since it's kind of flexible.

Ellie will benefit lots from this too. That's why I hope you will stop throwing tantrums soon.

I have her try [Wind Magic] level 4 and 5 too. It can be concluded that 'Destruction Gale' is an advanced version of 'Windstorm'.

The destruction it brought is immense, suitable for its level.

The amount of MP used is no joke either. Just to be safe, we went to a place double the distance than the time when I was testing out Fire Magic level 5. Even so, the effect should be visible even from the town. It seems that the weather has been distorted enough to reach the town gate. I'm worried if those gatekeepers are okay.

Just like that, one week has passed since our wedding. All the equipment that I've ordered beforehand are completed too.

Tilika's equipment is a leather made armor, with a magician hood. Once she put on the hood, she no longer looked like a Truth Official.

The hood looks a little off, so I asked Sati to sew an additional cat ears to it. Good, now it looks much cuter. Tilika is fine with it too, since it resembles Sati.

Then comes the day before we are leaving to the forest.

Early in the morning, I went to the guild, wondering if there is any other good quest at the moment. I went and asked the guild vice leader about it.

It seems that there are survivors among the Harpies that raided the town last time. They have built a nest at the northern part of the forest from the town. There is a demand to reconnoiter the place, and if possible eliminate it.

I heard that this is not going to turn into a dangerous situation, so I asked if it's ever going to be put on request board.

As expected, they will never attack the town again, even if they wanted to. It was said that there is no sighting of them approaching the town direction at all. Still, they will turn troublesome once they have started breeding in their nest.

Harpies nests' are usually hard to destroy by normal adventurer's bow because they built it up high on the trees. That's one of the factor that needs to be considered if one wants to accept the quest. As for us, we already have a specialized long range attack user here in our party.

This is a good opportunity to enact our revenge against those monsters. For

our current party, we should be skillful enough to take them down. Yes, this quest is good to go.

“Oh, it states here that there are no real rewards. Why don’t you increase the subjugation rewards by double then?”

“Oi, oi. Why do you want double?”

“Oho. I heard that when they raided the town before, the subjugation rewards were doubled too.”

“That’s because it was an emergency situation.”

“Aren’t they the survivor from that time? Then the same amount of rewards should be fine.”

She might be making an unreasonable demand, but that is only because she is confident with our new party line up.

“Alright, then let’s do it this way. The reward will only be doubled if you manage to destroy the whole nest. If even one of them escapes, then you will only get normal rate subjugation rewards.”

The guild vice leader might be thinking that it’s impossible to annihilate every each of them. But it’s definitely possible for us.

“Deal.”

It is up to us to deliver the subjugation report, but a huge fine will be imposed if we’re found guilty of handing out a false report. If by any chance the Truth Official found out about it, then I’ll get dirt poor in one-shot.

For the request this time, we can expect lots of rewards.

Ellie is totally dependable!

“How is it?”

“Umm. For now, I can’t see anything yet.”

Currently, we’re at the edge of the forest. Tilika is responsible for scouting. She is currently using Hawk to do reconnaissance.

While being wary of the surrounding, we slowly march through the narrow trail inside the forest. We already walked for half a day, so right now is about

afternoon.

Regardless of Ellie who is already a veteran, Ann and Tilika are following us without uttering any complaints. It was quite uneventful this time, except for the one Orc we encountered just now. While trying to approach us, it became the prey for Ann and Tilika's magic attack. After that I stored its body inside my Item Box.

Suddenly, Tilika halted and gave a stern look.

"I saw a Harpy. Hawk is in pursuit."

"Escape once you have identified the place. We will take over from here."

Ellie gave the command to Tilika. It's better to let the more experienced Ellie for command. At least she is doing her job better than me.

"3 Harpies confirmed. Hawk is still faster."

"Try not to increase your speed too much while maintaining the pursuit."

"Understood. Start guiding."

We are ready. We went a little deeper inside the forest. Finally, we settle at the place with just enough space.

"Make Golem!" (tl note: Masaru speaking in English)

3 golems with 3-meter height each created. They will be used as a shield. Behind one of the Golem is Tilika and Sati. Behind another Golem is Ellie and Ann. The last one is placed at the rear.

"Ready? I want both Ann and Tilika to perform a sweep attack. The rest will do a follow up attack. Sati, you got it, right?"

"Yes. By targeting their wing, I'll try to attract as much as possible."

We need to create a situation where Ann and Tilika can easily collect experience points.

"Here it comes."

Sati who is getting ready to shoot her bow alerts us. As usual, her range of sight is really wide.

Hawk, who is leading around the Harpies, finally reach us.

“Start chanting, Ann”

She is preparing for level 2 Ice Bullet spell. Because the chanting takes a bit of time, it is important to watch the timing and signals.

“O-okay.”

I unsheathe my sword, and make sure that my Golems are ready to intercept anytime. It is possible to make it go autopilot to some extent, but right now I think it's better if I'm directly controlling it.

We heard a flapping sound approaching, Hawk starts to fly in low altitude from the sky and comes toward us from the narrow path of the woods. In the meantime, the Harpies showed themselves.

Hawk passed through the Golems.

Noticing us on the ground, the Harpies tried to change their trajectory towards the sky, but it's already too late.

The inertia that was brought along during their dive can't be stopped that easily. Their flight speed drastically dropped, and their abdomen were exposed due to them trying to change direction.

“Ice shot!”

Ann's Ice Bullet pierced through the Harpy's torso, and it fell down. As for Tilika, she managed to land a hit onto the fallen Harpy which was shot down by Sati.

Tilika stabbed the fallen Harpy till it stopped moving.

“It's not dead yet.”

The Harpy that was shot down by Ann is still moving slightly, albeit dying. She won't get any experience value if she didn't deliver the final blow properly. This is the part where she needs to steel her heart.

Contrary to my expectation, Ann slowly marched toward the Harpy, and delivered a devastating blow using her mace at its head.

At first, I thought she will feel hesitant to kill, but that doesn't seem to be the

case.

Even if the opponent is a demon, one needs to kill it with all his/her might. Such is the rule of this world. While thinking about such thing, I stored the carcasses inside my 'Item Box'.

"Our first attack went well. Especially Tilika, you've done a very good job."

Ellie crouches a bit and gave Hawk who is currently on top of Tilika's shoulder a pat. Tilika's [Summoning Magic] is more useful than I thought.

"Still, what to do now? Seems like the nest is quite nearby."

"Let's do a reconnaissance again. We have to check the size of the nest."

"This is my specialty. Just leave it to me for this one."

It's true that scouting by using the summoned beast is safe, but by visual alone, it's hard to determine the enemy's overall battle prowess.

"Please stop praising yourself. Still, I'll leave it to you."

It's just a joke to ease the tension in the battlefield!

I asked Tilika to summon out her mouse, Pani and put it on my shoulder. I'm going to use it to communicate with Tilika, since her summoned beasts are connected with her. This flexibility will help a lot during this operation.

"Be careful."

"Um, I'm going. Sati, guard everyone, I'm counting on you."

Of course, I can't escape from getting scared, but I don't want to worry them, especially Ann.

"Yes, Masaru sama."

Although I've prepared Golems for them, when I'm not around, they are nothing but a scarecrow itself. Well, it can still function as a shield.

I slowly advanced towards the directions that Tilika gave me. There are no viable options left for me, except for the beast's trails. The gap between the trees are rather wide, so there is no actual trouble for me to walk. Still, I'm making a little bit of noise. Currently, my [Stealthy Step] is level 2. Maybe I should increase it after this.

Soon after, I found the nest.

On top of the tree, something like a bird nest was built by some tree branches.

According to my [Presence Detection], there are approximately 20 Harpy inside that. The nests look like it was hardened by extra material. Plus, it is quite large. Destroying this nest will be difficult. I report the information to Tilika through the mouse.

After my report is over, the mouse jumps off my shoulder and circle around the way I came from. Time to go back, I guess.

I pick up the mouse, and return to everyone.

“The sun will set soon. All of them will return because they have a very bad night vision. At that time, we will deliver the final blow.”

“Who is going to deliver the final blow, me or Ellie?”

“Me. Your Fire Magic is dangerous deep inside this forest.”

“I think your level 5 Wind Magic is dangerous too.”

“It will be okay if I adjusted the range and firepower beforehand. Or do any of you have any better idea?”

Both Ann and Sati shake their head. I, myself don't have any better idea, but isn't it reckless to use level 5 magic on them?

“It's decided then! Time is running short, so let's move now. It will turn troublesome once it become darker.”

Ellie looks so happy. Though I can understand her feeling. The desire to release the strongest magic you have is not that easy to suppress after all.

After returning the Golem to earth, I followed Ellie who is our vanguard. The other 3 are keeping their distance.

It will turn bad now if we are discovered by the Harpies first. Initially, I was afraid of Ellie who doesn't have [Spy] or [Stealthy Step]. Contrary to my expectation, she did manage to walk through her way without making much noises. Maybe the skills naturally come to her through her perilous years of

journey.

Like this, we can arrive at the nest safely.

“We’ve arrived. There, you can see several nests up there.”

“Understood.”

“The center of the nest is over there. The end is over there. So, it’s from there to there.”

I explained the structure of the nest. When I looked back at Ellie, I found that she is pretending to listen to me somewhat, her face distant.

“Oi, I’m counting on you. The nests area is quite wide, but there is still possibility for us to get caught up.”

“I know already. Still, you’re right. Maybe we should get back a little.”

Seriously.

This girl, she seriously wants to release her spells at full power! Clearly, she is dissatisfied from having to limit her spell during our training last time.

“It’s easy to eliminate all the enemy once I’ve adjusted my spell power. Alright, this place is good.”

There is no reason to oppose her idea or anything, just that I’m afraid of her spell’s firepower.

Ellie spread her arms upward. Just to be safe, I take out a large shield out of my Item Box.

Since her spell is basically a lightning attack, there are still possibility for it to target here since we’re near the trees. My shield was already adorned with anti-lightning treatment. Ellie’s robe too, should have a good property.

She starts chanting 【Thunderclap】, and dark clouds quickly gathered around us.

Several Harpies seem to notice the phenomenon and came out of their nests.

But the spell is already at the final stage.

Thunderclouds start appearing on top of their nests. Occasionally, lightning

stripes can be seen seeping out of the clouds.

The sight of the spell activating is really something else. The magnitude of it is much different than when we tested it before. All of Ellie's concentrated magical power is going to get released.



“Come, come. The strongest strike which shatters all, Thunder God, roar and

strike the enemies from heaven! Tera Thunder!”

Right after the casting is done, our senses were flooded with blinding light and thunderous roar.

This is serious, we’re completely overwhelmed with the spell.

The spell is more powerful than I expected. My ears hurt. Only after I crouched under the shield’s shadow that I started to see slightly. I tried to check by using Presence Detection, and it seems that all the enemies have been eliminated. There is no movement from the Harpy side.

“Masaru-sama!”

Sati approached me from behind. My ears are still ringing so I can’t hear very well. Only when I vaguely heard 【Heal】 that my hearing returned to normal. When I looked around, I saw Ellie has nearly fainted, dangling at Ann’s arm. I quickly left the shield and rushed towards Ellie’s side.

“Hehehe. How is it? That is my strongest spell...”

In her case, she only has magic power deficiency. She is smiling widely, giving a satisfied face.

“There is no doubt that your spell is strong, in fact, too strong.”

“I don’t have enough magical power. Please give me some, Masaru.”

“Yes, yes.”

But first thing first, how is the situation? I have not detected any movements of those Harpies, but we still need to check thoroughly first.

“I already scouted it beforehand. There are no survivors.”

“Agreed. As far as I can detect, there are no sign of Harpies too.”

“That is to be expected. I did put out all my magical power earlier.”

Ellie stood up supported by Ann.

“It’s not a bad thing to do your best, but next time I hope you will think about the consequences first.”

Using all her magic power like that, what if she were attacked by the surviving

Harpy. This is no joke.

“Calm down. All the enemies were exterminated nicely. All’s well that ends well definition.”

Ann comes to Ellie’s defense.

“Elizabeth-sama is really amazing!”

“I’m sorry. However, I believe that it’s important to know the full extent of this spell power. I can only do it today because our opponent is not that strong. Next time I swear I will have a better control.”

I recharged Ellie’s magical power using [Miracle Light].

“This is a very convenient magic. Like this, I can shoot all my magic with confidence. Thank you, Masaru.”

“From now on make sure to control your magical power properly. It’s bad for my heart if you are to suddenly collapsed in the middle of battle like this.”

“That’s why I’m sorry. Come, let’s collect all the Harpies’ carcasses.”

It starting to get really dark. If we don’t move fast, then by the time we finish, it will already be night.

After clearing the fallen trees, both me and Ellie use ‘Levitation’ to look around the surrounding. I thought that their body will get charred, but actually they are still in good condition. Like this we can sell it with high price. Ellie’s thunder didn’t produce any fire on the trees either.

Is it because the Thunderclap is different from natural lightning strike?

“I’m opening the gate now. Everyone, please step closer.”

Ellie invoked the transfer magic and we returned home. The transfer room was already set to my room. We’re going to report it to guild tomorrow.

After that, the only thing left to do is dinner, bath and to sleep soundly.

## Chapter 5: Secret Base

“Our rewards are not bad at all.”

As Ellie said, the amount of money we got is a lot compared to the efforts we put in.

The next morning, we gather in the living room to discuss our earnings.

Earlier, I already went to the guild and received the rewards. The guild vice leader was surprised that we managed to finish the quest yesterday, but he didn't doubt my Guild Card and Tilika's testimony.

I told him that there might be a possibility that there are some Harpy survivors which we didn't encounter yesterday, but he said that matter is not a problem. I managed to get him to pay us double the amount as promised.

“This is far from bad. Adventurer's quests are really profitable.”

“But this is to be expected.”

We took down one Orc and 28 Harpies. Our earning from this quest is reasonable. Still, although the rewards for Harpy subjugation was doubled, it didn't even reach one Big Boar's level of money. From now on, we've decided to divide the income fairly between the party members.

“It will be divided between the 5 of us as a pocket money. The amount will be the same for each of us.”

Usually, a normal adventurer's party will focus on improving their gear and buying consumables. However, it is different for us since we're more focused on magic. The only thing that needs to be restocked is Sati's arrows. But even that can be reduced by recollecting the shot arrows.

Even though I still need to consider our living expenses, I think there is still plenty of room for other things.

“That's okay.”

“Um, I don't need this much. Please take it back.”

“Me too. I already have savings of my own. I think I don’t need that much. It’s not like I contributed much this time either.”

Satie and Ann looked at their amounts and said such a thing.

Tilika just stares blankly during our conversation. There’s not one ounce of excitement that can be felt from her.

In our living room, we have a large carpet which can be used to lie down. Sati and Tilika are sitting on top of it.

“You can’t. You guys still need to receive it. If you don’t use it now, then keep it as your savings. Like this we won’t have to worry when we retire.”

“That’s right. This is our debut quest as a team, that’s why I hope that everyone will receive their rewards properly.”

“As expected, for someone who had difficulties defeating a Wild Rabbit for their first time, Masaru’s words have a lot of persuasive power.”

So mean, Ellie! You know that story left a scar deep in my heart!

“You sure you want to say that, Ellie? Think again, just where is your fried chicken right now!”

“*gasp!*? How dare you take my fried chickens hostage!?”

“Kukuku. Too bad for this fried chicken...”

“What do you mean by that?” –Ann

“You won’t take it out for me anymore?” –Ellie

“Right. You fine with that? I sure am.”

“Fine. I’m sorry for saying something cheeky.”

The wand Ellie is holding produces some sparks while producing a *clatterclatter* sound. Seems like unlocking a level doesn’t only unlock lightning based spells, but also allows her to freely control electricity to some extent. She nabbed my sides which hurts a lot.

“This time we got some unexpected earnings from our training. Even though we’re just training at the part of forest which is still near the town.”

Seems like Ellie has decided to continue to our main topic.

“Still, that forest has some goods opponents inside.”

For my current level, I think that I will fare well even against a dragon. But there is no way I'll do something that dangerous.

“The monsters inside the forest nearby the town are still not strong enough. We need to go deeper inside.”

“I see. We can transfer too now, which will help.”

“I was thinking about that before, so I registered one checkpoint at the Harpy's location yesterday.”

“Ooh!”

“But do you think we're going to be okay to delve deeper inside?”

Ann asked, worried. Naturally, for a beginner adventurer like her, the thought of exploring even deeper inside must have scared her. That is not a place for some novice.

“Well, deeper inside, usually we can find an Orc village or something similar. But with Tilika's reconnaissance skill, it won't become a problem. Right, Tilika?”

“If it is big enough then there is no way Hawk can miss it.”

“True. Even if the situation gets out of hand, we still can escape by using transfer. We can return back by nighttime too.”

“[Space Magic] is really convenient. Don't you think so, Masaru sama.”

I saw that Ellie is now smiling. Seems like her mood is getting better.

“Ann and Tilika too, faster learn new magic.”

This time, both Ellie and Tilika managed to level up. We need to have a talk about it.

“I'm going to save my points for now. I want to upgrade my Space Magic.”

“I wonder what skill will be unlocked for level 5 Space Magic?”

“I don't know. But I'm sure that it'll be an amazing spell!”

“Yea. It's great to get a hold of an amazing spell.”

When I give it some thought, I wonder if level 5 Space Magic will be capable of sending me back to Japan. Even if it is possible, I think it won't reach an extent where I'm capable of free travel between both worlds.

But if I do manage to come back, then I wonder if the timing will be during when I first disappeared or the same time as this world. Whatever, if I do want to get back, then it's better for me to let Ito God handle it.

Regarding to this matter, I had especially asked God about it before. After everything has ended, I'll be given the choice to either stay here or return back. At that time, I need to make a decision. Whether I can bring along my wives is still unknown. Between a can or a cannot, I'll just hope for the best.

Although I'm currently inclined to stay here, my mind still can't let go of Japan.

"How about you, Tilika?"

"[Summoning Magic]."

To raise her [Summoning Magic] to level 4 requires 8P. Then, she is keeping the points for now too.

"Alright, this concludes our meeting. We can take it easy today. Tomorrow, we will return back into the forest."

"Then, today Ellie can learn cooking."

Ann said while smiling.

"Err that, I'm planning to take a rest today..."

"That won't do. It's time for you to seriously learn cooking. You must be capable of cooking a decent meal at least."

"Umm, it is bad to waste the ingredients carelessly you know."

"It's alright. If that happens then we'll be able to troubleshoot Ellie's failure. Just leave everything to me."

Ann grabbed Ellie by her shoulder and forcibly dragged her to the kitchen. Tilika and Sati followed them. Alright now, what should I do? Watching all my wives cooking together might be fun.

While alone in the living room, I start thinking about plans for tomorrow. Yesterday, we didn't encounter many demons other than the Harpies. Maybe it was caused by the massive flocks of Harpies settling in nearby. If we advance deeper inside, then we might encounter more demons. If we leave the town with transfer and then come back after half a day, then it is possible to raise our level easily.

That time I suddenly noticed something. When we went out of the town yesterday, we went through the gate. But after that we simply teleported back. I wonder if the gatekeeper will get suspicious. Each time a person go through the gate, they will only check the card. No report is taken. It's okay if that person is just a normal civilian, but as for me, I'm on good terms with those guards.

After realizing it, I run towards the kitchen in panic.

"Oi, bad news!"

"What's wrong?"

Ann made a worried face, and the other 3 face me.

"Last time, we went out normally through the main gate. But on the way back, we didn't pass through it. Other people still don't know that our party has a Transfer mage!"

I'm on pretty friendly terms with those gatekeepers. If they found out that I've not come back after several days, then they might possibility organize a search team for me. I need to explain this to everyone.

"This is really bad."

Ellie who is practicing with the kitchen knife joins our discussion.

"What now? Should we tell them that we entered by using Levitation Magic?"

"That's a good idea. I already reported our quest with the Guild. If by any chance they double check everything, I bet they will become suspicious."

"If we are busted using Transfer Magic, then won't it turn bad?"

"A scout/recruiter/reporter might come to meet us. I'm an aristocrat from the Empire, so if the story goes out then things will get very troublesome."

Everyone enters into thinking mode. I'm not worried. As long as there are ideas to hide this situation, I'm okay.

"Let's do it like this. Masaru, go show your face at the East Gate. Last time we left using the West gate."

"Will that work?"

"It'll be fine. They will never question you."

"Got it. I will go outside now."

Fortunately, we left the gate yesterday morning. This amount of times should still be within normal range. It would be fine if we normally drop by the gate and say hello.

"Would you like Pani to accompany you?"

It's better for me to have the summoned beasts along when we're separated into 2 teams. Although I can't get detailed information from them, by making simple gestures I can still receive an indication of yes or no from Tilika. It's not necessary to do it when we're still near town, but it won't hurt to be ready. This is because things like phone doesn't exists in this world.

"Safe journey, Masaru sama."

"Be careful."

I put Tilika's mouse inside my pocket and leave the house.

The temperature outside the house is really cold. Today is the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the twelve month. It will be 3 months and 10 day since I arrived here. Looking around I find out that the climate around here is not much different from Japan. At first, I wondered why the calendar of this world is exactly the same as the one from Japan. But thinking back, I bet Ito God simply imported the same setting. It's very convenient though, to have an accurate calendar.

From the main street, I approached the gate pretending to take a walk.

Today, the usual gatekeeper is in duty. He seems to notice me approaching.

"Isn't it Masaru. Since when have you come back?"

"I'm back since yesterday."

I look at the West Gate. My house is also on that side. I cannot tell a lie.

“Ah, is that so. Then, what quest did you take for your new party?”

“Remember the Harpies that raided our town last time? Our party was tasked to find their nest and destroy it.”

“Wow. That’s quite a feat.”

“Well, it did take quite an effort.”

“Still, the nest was located within a day’s distance. Considering the size of the flocks, I bet there are more inside the forest.”

Thinking about it carefully, the nest we destroyed might not be the only one. I don’t know because we never did explore the surroundings much.

“You’re right. I’ll try to search harder the next time I go.”

“Ah, I’m counting on you. We will leave this stuff to people like you because it is not our job.”

“They are paying the rewards accordingly too.”

“True. Since you are man of 4 wives now, you need to gain extra income.”

“Yes. Well, I just dropped by to report that I’ve come back. I’m going now.”

“Roger. Send my regards to your wives!”

This should be enough. Since I’m out, should I go to the shopping district? I have read all my books, so now I want to find a new one.

“With this, my mission is completed. I’ll go back home after shopping for a while.”

I talk to the mouse in my pocket. Then the mouse shook it head.

“I need to go back now you said?”

This time the mouse squeaked.

“Alrighty. I’ll come back soon.”

I wonder what exactly has happened. I start rushing towards my house. But if something happened, then they should have relayed the message earlier.

When I arrived home, everyone already gathered at the dinner table.

“Welcome back Masaru. Now we can use the Team Transfer spell without any worries.”

When I get to my seat, Ann said so.

The problem is like this. Jumping from here directly to the forest and hunting means that you did a hunt when there was no evidence of getting out of town.

In other words, if we set the transfer point outside of the town, then we can transfer to the hunting point after we go out of the gate, and go back to the point outside the town and return back through the gate normally. The number of monsters near the town is not the same as the numbers deep inside the forest. Inside the forest, there are many more monsters and a higher variety of them. Next problem is, if we somehow manage to hunt lots of monsters within a daytrip distance from the town, then a survey group might be dispatched by the guild.

“Like this, we don’t need to camp out inside the dangerous forest, since we are able to go back anytime.”

What Ann said was reasonable. It was said that camping inside the forest can prove to be fatal since the place is not secured from monsters and it can be dangerous.

“We will be wasted in the morning if we were to stay alert the whole night. There is no way I’ll let that happen.”

Ellie also agreed.

“We can get a good night’s sleep at home.”

Is this fine though? Won’t we get caught doing this?

“Surely, it is nice if this plan is not exposed. But if we are found out then it will turn bad.”

“That’s why I keep asking you to find a bigger house. If the house is big, then there is less chance to get exposed.”

“It’s to be expected. This is the only house that fit my conditions, plus I don’t have much money.”

I already used up lots of money during our ceremony last time. I still need to return some money to Nania san.

“How about we ask someone to house watch? If we leave this house, then it’s not strange for that to happen. But if there is at least one person here, then I think it’s not weird if there is a sign of used bath or smell of cooking.”

“Then who is staying?”

Ann played devil’s advocate.

“There is no actual need to leave the house. If we set a secret place within this house, then it won’t be suspicious even if we’re here when we are supposed to be outside for the whole day.”

“I guess that’s true.”

“Can’t we create an underground place by using Earth Magic? We just need to be wary of the entrance. That way we can spend our time safely, don’t you agree?”

“That is a good idea too. But isn’t it troublesome to do it every time?”

In term of magical power capacity, then it is possible. But doing it every now or then can be too troublesome.

“In that case, how about we prepare the cellar under this house?”

“Won’t the basement get damp?”

“Still, compared to when we’re camping outdoor, that condition is still preferable.”

Ellie is listening to the cellar plan while contracting her eyebrows, but Ann seems to agree.

“Like that, we need to spend some time to create the room inside.”

We can use a pin code as safety measure. If we’re able to apply this then it is easy to create a comfortable environment.

“This is still not a final solution. Hey, why don’t we just let everyone know?”

“Can’t do. I don’t want them to raise me to S rank just because of my ability as a Transfer mage.”

“Moreover, if my ability is exposed, then those people will immediately come to me asking for help.” –Masaru Ellie who is very bad in Space Magic can suddenly transfer the whole party. Won’t it cause some uproar? They will ask just how did she manage to do it.

“Are you okay with keeping it hidden all the time?”

“Of course, ideally I want to reach S rank, but A rank is quite enough. If I raise myself as an adventurer, then they won’t know me for my spell only.”

The point here is that she wants to prove that her ability as an adventurer is more prominent than her Transfer spell. Ellie’s basic idea is when she has a proven track record then people will stop assessing her for her Transfer spell alone.

“How about making the base somewhere secluded? In the Empire there is a story saying that a wise man built a tower somewhere in a remote place, and is living there.”

A tower? It seems to be possible to build one by using the Earth Magic, but what if there is an earthquake? If that place has many earthquakes, then won’t it be dangerous?

“Aren’t there any earthquakes?”

“Earthquakes? Ah, you mean when the ground does some shaking and stuff. There are none around this area.”

In that case, I think it will manage to survive somehow? Build a tower, surround the surroundings with a fence, think about interior decoration. All of this will surely take a lot of time.

“Don’t you want to move to another town?”

“That will be difficult. Even though I’ve been staying in this town since the start, didn’t I already manage to create a record by defeating many demons?”

As expected, the best way not to get exposed is by camping outdoors. However, Ellie’s transfer spell will be wasted. If we don’t need money then we can simply put the Guild Card inside my Item Box, hunt while keeping the prey inside my storage, and release them somewhere else afterward. Man, that

sounds like a crime.

“For now, why don’t we try to dig a basement.”

For now, I will create the cellar. I’ll make the decision based on the results. The hunt will be postponed for a while.

“I wonder if this is good.”

Right now, I’ve already cleared the living room’s floor. Then we dug out the floor for about 2-meter square until the soil appeared.

I use Earth Magic to carefully dig the floor. The dug soil will be turned into a rock, then put inside my Item Box. I continue digging downwards until I feel that the height can comfortably fit a person’s body. Inside the hole, I will change the soil into a stone wall so that it won’t easily collapse. After that I made the staircase. Then I dug out horizontally for about 3 meters’ square.

The soil is a bit wet. This town has a river flowing very close to it, and if I dig through it, I may hit the underground water source. Maybe it’s not a good idea to dig too deeply.

I activate my Light magic, and continue to dig around. After some time, I get used to the process and start creating a basement. Our members are all short, so there is no worry about the height. I myself am 160 cm. By holding my hand upwards, I tried to guess a comfortable size.

When night comes, I’ve created one room of the same size as the living room, three other small rooms, and one room for the toilet.

I tried to adjust the cellar to be within the house’s garden. I don’t think that the basement was stretched out to the streets, so it should be okay. There should be no problem if I add a vent somewhere afterward. Even though I did a lot of reinforcing with the wall, I still can’t reach the level of marble. Still, I managed to make it as hard as concrete, and I believe that it has that nice feeling. Because I’m afraid that it might collapse, I hardened the ceiling too.

“Oh my. This is better than I thought.”

Ellie who didn’t contribute any work comes to the basement to see the progress.

“Right, right. I had a hard time building all this you know.”

I worked from morning till nighttime. Who knew that a NEET like me who doesn't know anything about architecture was capable of building a wonderful basement like this. Magic sure is useful.

“Like this, even if we were to go hunting, it will still be okay.”

“Tomorrow I'll try to get some beds and put them inside here.”

“Putting that aside, Masaru, you're so dirty. I already prepared the bath so please get in.”

Usually I'm in charge of preparing the bath. But this time she did it for me. Sometimes you're so kind, Ellie.

“Then, join me?”

“Hmm, okay. I will wash your back as a reward for your hard work today.”

Ooh! She gives the approval!

We have taken a bath together from time to time, but this is the first time she offered to wash my back.

I'm excited during our bath time. I had my head and back washed pleasantly by Ellie. Suddenly, Sati called to say that dinner is ready. Ellie abruptly stopped her service.

“Masaru still needs some scrubbing to clean his body. Sati, please help me finish it.”

“Yes, Elizabeth sama. I'll wash his back.”

...the dinner is ready, so it can't be helped. Yes, too bad. Calm down, me.

Ann's dinner is tasty as usual. After dinner, I pulled Ellie back into the bath. I had her continue her earlier duty. Of course, this time, there is neither a time limit nor interference.

The next day, I go to buy some furniture. I design the interior based on everyone's requests.

The doorway connecting the living room and cellar is hidden under the sofa. The hole under the sofa is just 2 square meters.

In case of emergency, I can still use Earth Magic to block the entrance. What kind of emergency, I still don't know yet.

Eventually we went out hunting. We have come to the conclusion that as long we keep ourselves inside the cellar during our hunting period, then we won't get busted. After we went out from the gate, we use team transfer into the forest. During the day, we are aiming to hunt until Gorbas Fortress. At night, we will return to the basement and sleep.

Even if we use some magic, since there are lots of others who use magic around the same time, we will not be noticeable, even by Magical Sense.

It's already near 3 months since I started living in this house. When I renewed the contract, I already paid for half a year worth of rent. I also created a secret base here. Like this I'll be counting on this house for a while longer.

## Chapter 6: This Year's Christmas Eve

Today is the 24<sup>th</sup> of December.

Usually, this is one of the sad days for every year. But this year is going to be different. I have 4 wives with me.

Back at Japan, how do I say it, oh, I was married with 2D women, and didn't I have lots of them too? That brings back memories. Well right now me and my wives are inside a dangerous forest, although my presence detection is giving a negative result.

The most dangerous thing when operating the Team Transfer is that you do not know the status at the destination of the transfer point. It's not impossible to encounter a dangerous situation right after we have transferred to the location. For example, we transferred and found a dragon waiting at front.

"Nothing out of ordinary in vicinity."

The point was set up to a place close to the Harpy nest the other day. Immediately after arriving, I activate presence detection. I've confirmed that there is nothing.

"My detection doesn't pick up anything."

I ease the tension in my word once I heard Sati's report. Tilika releases Hawk, and let him survey the surrounding.

"Give me some of your magical power, Masaru."

The transfer consumes lots of magical power. Unlike me who is capable of fighting with a sword, Ellie who rely purely on magic will find some difficulty when her magic power is depleted.

After I refill her magic power with Miracle Light, she thanked with a smile on her face.

"Thank you, Masaru. Now, let's decide the direction we are going for today."

Everyone activated their Levitation and fly on top of the forest. Since Sati is the only one who is incapable of using it, I'm bringing her with me. Others all levitate by their own. Still even though Ann was reminded by Ellie firmly not to look downwards, I can see that she is shaking. Considering the situation, floating 20 meters' midair is really a scary thing.

"As we decided earlier at house, we will be going to Gorbas Fortress. First, we are going to that mountain range direction. After we are a bit nearer, then we will change direction and go towards the fortress."

Ellie pointed towards the direction of the mountain range. Based on the Sun's location, that direction is towards the North side. The place beyond the mountain pass is the Demon Realm. Seems like all the Demons originated from there. The mountains which can be hardly seen by here looks like it is covered in snow.

This area in this region usually doesn't have much snow. Still, the mountain and its surrounding forest looks like they are buried with it. I plan to make full use of this experience before winter.

After we have confirmed ourselves with the topography of the mountain, we all descended. Even though I said terrain, all we can see are the trees and the mountain.

"What about the Harpy?"

"We'll do something if we found them. There might not be any nests nearby, since they have wide range of movement."

"There is nothing in this area."

Tilika reported.

"Good, let's move now. I'm counting on you, Sati."

"Yes, just leave it to me!"

We are moving with Sati, Tilika, Ellie, Ann and me respectively. Sati is our lead, because she can sense her surrounding without turning around with her Sound Detection. Last time, when I asked her, she seems to be able to clearly detect the position and movement by sound alone.

Unlike last time, our march is progressing at a much faster pace today. This time, there is no unreasonable requests like eliminating everything without leaving even a single one, so we will only stop if the situation gets seriously bad.

After around 30 minutes walking, Sati stopped. She looks at our right-hand side.

“It’s still quite far. But something is definitely there.”

Then she pointed to one direction of the forest.

“That thing should be alone, but he is big.”

“Not a small one, huh. Do you think it is about a same size as Dragon?”

“No, it shouldn’t be that big.”

“I’ll send Hawk to check.”

Soon we received the reconnaissance result. It is a bear.

Although it is just a bear, it is bigger than the bear at Earth and is more ferocious since it has survived this harsh world. Once, I saw a bear nearby here, it seemed likely that it was close to twice of that in the Japanese zoo.

But there is nothing to be afraid of. It is alone right now.

“Alright, let’s do it!”

By the way, the bear is classified as a Demon. It seems to be a monster, but I still don’t know the difference between Demon and monster/ghost/apparition(bakemono). Are all Demons subordinates of the Demon King? Be it as it may, I still can’t believe that this bear is part of the Demon King army.

If you are asking me, then I’ll say that the difference between animals and Demons are by how they decided to attack human. Then is the Wild Rabbit a demon? From what I heard, aa, yea, they are. I always got an ambiguous reply like that.

Their answer is not satisfying. Still, I firmly believe that the Wild Rabbit is a demon.

After several minutes, Sati confirmed that the bear is moving towards us. I

created a 3-meter Golem on the spot.

“Sati, shoot your arrow near the bear. There’s no need to hit it, we just want to lure him down here.”

“Yes.”

That guy, I believe that it won’t simply run away when it’s attacked. Even if the prey is a group of people, I believe it will only think that it’s food has increased.

I hide the Golem behind the tree. I’m going to use it to ambush the bear. Hawk too is showing a sign of coming back here. It’s flying towards Tilika.

Sati jumped down towards our position. Sati possessed an outrageous speed. I tried to ask her to run seriously before, and boy, her speed is inhuman. It might be that alongside her Agility Boost skill, the specification of the beastmen are normally high.

“Here it comes!”

Although there is a considerable distance, the big bear is running at a great speed.

It’s coming here directly from the other end of the forest while breaking the trees just like snapping a bamboo shoots. I’m a bit scared.

Even if it did come here, I still can intercept it with my Golem. It’s going to be alright, is what I’m trying to convince myself.

The Golem lies in wait to move when the situation deems necessary.

“Thunder!”

Coming towards here with great momentum, when it was hit by Ellie’s Thunder, it came crashing against the ground. She already mentioned earlier that the spell is just a shallow attack, so the Giant Bear should only be left with paralysis.

After that both Ann and Tilika shot their Ice Bullet. The Giant Bear is still struggling even after getting shot twice.

“It is still alive. One more shot.”

After getting pierced by one more Ice Bullet, the Giant Bear is finally dead. Although it has a body size of more than three meters and seems to be quite tough, there is no way that it can withstand four Ice Bullet shots to its head while it still can't move.

“A collaboration attack with Thunder is unstoppable.”

“That’s right. I wonder if I did a mistake somewhere, during our battle with the Dragon last time.”

I stored the dead bear’s body and check everyone’s menu.

“Both Tilika and Ann’s level are raised by 1.”

“Raise me summon.”

“Here?”

“Please.”

I operate the menu and raise her [Summoning Magic].

**Tilika Level 6 Skill 2P**

Cooking level 1	Evil Eyes of Truth or Lies	Magical Sense level 1
Water Magic level 3	Summoning Magic level 4	

“I raised it.”

“.....”

Tilika is just staring silently.

“Hey? What’s wrong? Aren’t you going to summon something now?”

“I won’t do it since it’ll be dangerous.”

“Dangerous?”

“The next one requires contract ritual. This time, there is a need to defeat it before it acknowledges me as the master.”

“Then it is 1v1?”

“It’s okay to fight it with everyone. The summoner herself is not that strong.”

Far from fulfilling it, even if it is told that the summoner is to fight alone, then

won't they need to struggle a lot to accomplish it.

“Then I wonder what we should do.”

“It will be fine! If we give a saturated magic attack at the place it is appearing, even a Dragon can be easily defeated, piece of cake!”

“Well, I guess so. Then why don't we look for an open space to test it now.”

“Isn't it better to do it near the town? I'm afraid something will happen.”

Ann suggests an idea.

“If we are to do it nearby the forest, then nobody can see it. Hawk can survey the surrounding for us.”

“Right. Let's stop hunting and return. I want to see the new summoned beast.”

“I also want to learn new magic and practice it.”

“Ann is a Water Magic user, right? I can raise it to level 4.”

“Yes, that's fine.”

Ann has 7P. All the points will be used up to increase the Water Magic to level 3 and again to level 4.

**Angela Level 5 Skill OP**

Cooking Level 3	Housework Level 2	Cudgel Martial Art level 1
Magical Power Enhancement level 2	MP Usage Reduction level 2	Magical Sensing Level 1
Recovery Magic Level 4	Water Magic Level 4	

**【Water magic】**

- 1. Water ball.
- 2. Water Whip, Ice Bullet
- 3. Water Wall, Ice and Snow/ Glacier (冰雪)
- 4. Ice Dragon, Water Dragon

“I already raised your water magic to level 4.”

“Oh...yes. Thank you.”

“Then let’s go back. Should I open the gate? I already set one point here. We can continue this outside the town.”

At the moment, we have set up transfer points in the basement of the house and the grasslands a bit far from the town, and at the hunting field.

“Wait a moment. I think we can’t do it today. If we are doing it, then I want everyone to have full magical power. It is better only for Anne to practice magic today.”

Of course, I only used it to replenish Ellie’s magic power after her Transfer. The rest are not used at all.

“You have a point. Shall we go back and relax today?”

“Fine by me. Do you think the bear can fetch a high price?”

It’s a shame that we only have one prey today. But since it can be sell for high price, it’s okay. I’m sure that this guy has plenty of meat.

“The bear’s liver can be used as raw material for medicine. Not only that, we get lots of meat too.”

“Wow. Then give me some meat after you sell it.”

“Bear meat. I’m excited.”

“The specialty of my hometown is a Bear Soup Hotpot. Shall I make it today?”

I really miss the hotpot since it is so cold nowadays. It’s a shame that there are no Japanese soup stocks around. But the Ramen soup stock will suffice, I think? I’m sure it will turn out delicious.

“It’s been a while since we ate Masaru sama’s cooking.”

Sati looks so happy. I wonder if I’ve neglected the house chores too much recently.

“Alright. Just leave it to me today.”

“I’m looking forward to it. Masaru’s dishes are always unique.”

Yea, just no curry yet. I’ve tried to reproduce it a lot of time before, but it always ends up a failure.

“Then I’m opening the gate.”

We gathered in the same place, then we squatted down. The transfer point outside the town is set at a place where there are tall and thick grasses. Therefore, if we crouched before transfer so we won’t be visible once transferred.

After the transfer is activated, the scenery changes to grassland. There’s no apparent effect during our transfer. When closing my eyes, I can’t tell whether we already transferred or not unless by using my Magical Sense.

“Seems like there is nothing around.”

“My detection didn’t catch anything either. We can stand up now.”

This place is quite far from the town and the highway. It’s quite troublesome since we still need to move to reach town, but it is better than getting exposed.

Then why don’t we go near the forest for Ann’s magical practice. Since she is going to perform a large-scale magic, this way the sound won’t disturb the town.”

Even though we say practice, it is a given that our magic will not fail. The reason we do this is to confirm the power and range of the specified magic.

We walked around to find a suitable place where we will not disturb the city.

I already saw both spells for level 3 Water Magic. The water wall is a defensive magic that makes walls with water as it is.

At first I wondered just how is the Water Wall looks like. When activated, water is swirling in a shape of the wall, enough to defense against arrow or something similar.

Ice and Snow is the ice variant of the Windstorm used by Ellie. A storm with ice occurs and shreds the enemy.

The ice dragon and the water dragon also literally form a dragon with ice and water. The dragon you make moves freely and attacks enemies. The size can be adjusted, and the duration is quite good. Compared to Fire and Wind Magic which releases everything by one shot, it is only natural that this magic has a lesser firepower. However, if used correctly, it can be quite useful. I created a

10-meter Golem as a test target, and when I tried it out, the Water Dragon easily destroyed my Golem.

Whether the Golem is weak, or the Water Dragon is strong, I still can't distinguish the reason. However, like this we get to know the extent of the spell power.

"I see this is a good spell. Water Magic is not bad at all."

"This is making me a bit scared. Just hunting a bit inside the forest is enough to make me remember such magic, which makes me feel weird. As expected, I need to hide the matter regarding Masaru."

"Are you scared of my ability?"

I asked her worryingly.

"I'm not afraid of Masaru's ability. After all, it is a Divine Protection of God. What is giving me the creeps is the fact that I'm capable of wielding this spell so easily."

"It's alright, you will be used to it soon. It feels good to release such a big magic you know."

"I guess it's true. I can't deny that I'm having fun too."

"If you always use your magic till the limit like Ellie, then you might collapse. Ann, please don't do that, okay?"

"Excuse me! It only happened twice to me before."

This girl, did she do something that I don't know behind my back...Nania san sure had a hard time.

"For that matter I'll leave it to Ellie."

"I will not do it anymore. Maybe."

This girl has no self-awareness for herself.

"Yes, yes. Should we go back to the town? I'm going to hunt some Wild Rabbit, but what about you guys?"

"Okay. I'll stop by the shrine on the way home. Are you going to prepare dinner for today?"

“Let’s make a Bear Hotpot tonight. Please prepare the lunch.”

“Me too.”

Sati and Tilika are following me.

“Well then Ellie should come back with me and prepare lunch together.”

“I-I’ll do my best...”

According to Ann, it will still take some time for Ellie to be a decent cook.

Separated from those 2, we went to the meadow.

Even though I always came here sometimes, whenever I sense the rabbit I’ll still feel nervous.

“Let’s split to the left and right like the usual. Tilika should follow closely so that you won’t get separated.”

“Yes.”

“Understood.”

After that, together with Sati, we managed to hunt down 10 Wild Rabbits. Satisfied, we went back to the town. Just by hunting the Wild Rabbit is not enough to live a satisfactory life, but our life is guaranteed since it is not dangerous.

When we arrived home, Ann and Ellie had also just arrived.

“It was busy at the shrine clinic, so I helped out a bit.”

“I also helped around.”

“How is your errand?”

“I just went there to send my regards. I’ll start cooking now. Let’s go, Ellie.”

“I have a feeling that my cooking skill is going to improve soon. After I’m done, I’ll ask you to try, Masaru.”

Is that so. I don’t think your skill is going to improve anytime soon, but I better don’t run off my mouth here.

All of the dishes are made by Ann, therefore it can be eaten normally. And there is an original soup made by Ellie mixed together with the other dishes.

Quite funny, really.

“I thought it is okay for me to leave the soup to her...”

When will Ellie acquire the cooking skill? And until then, do I have to eat the original cuisine? Today’s soup cannot be eaten because it is strange and unclear.

During afternoon, Ellie teaches us about Space Magic. The Item Box is a convenient skill to have, so it was decided that everyone is going to learn about it without using any points.

The students are Ann, Tilika and Sati.

As for myself, I passed. I have never had a bad experience with magical acquisition. Just that this time I saw that she had an extreme face on her. That’s what I felt.

“I’m going to the guild to sell the bear. Do your best, everyone.”

“Just leave it to me. I’ll teach them passionately!”

And here I believe that I made a correct choice. Just look at Ellie, what’s up with that weird passionate aura she has?

After coming back from selling the bear and a slight shopping, I saw Ann is completely exhausted. Tilika is making a face like Keroro while watching Sati sleeping the sofa. Sati has completely exhausted her magical power.

When I saw it, I silently replenished her magical power. I won’t ask what had happened.

The bear hotpot that I made that night is quite popular.

By the way, tonight is the Christmas Eve. It’s quite sad that there is no cake here to celebrate it, but getting surrounded by 4 beautiful girls tonight, is not a bad thing.

## Chapter 7: Summoning Magic level 4

The next day, afternoon. All of us have replenished our magic power, and right now we are near the forest.

I have already confirmed that nobody is around.

“You guys ready?”

Everyone nodded their head.

Tilika starts to chant the Summoning spell. Simultaneously, Ann starts to chant her Ice Dragon.

Both of the spells completed at about the same time.

An Ice Dragon manifested above Ann. In front of us, the summoned beasts that appeared for the level 4 spell is a Dragon.

The Dragon size is about 7~8 meters long. It is a little smaller than the Dragon which I had killed inside this forest before. It has large wings on its body, and it is about to fly off. It also has a long tail and a grotesque face.

Alongside the dragon, there is another piece of information that was gained together with learning the skill. For level 3 and lower, there is an option for the summoner to choose their summoned beasts. But for level 4, only a Dragon can be chosen. It is necessary for one to make it acknowledge them first before using it as a familiar.

Still, summoning a Dragon has an elegant feeling to it.

“Are you the summoner? You will need to get the approval from the esteemed me first...”

The Dragon looks at Tilika, who is at its feet, with its deep red eyes, and explains its demand.



Ooh, this dragon is capable of conversing with us humans. This is amazing.

“Yes. Time is precious. I’m ready whenever you are.”

Tilika says while looking up at the dragon.

“Before that I have a question. Are all of them...your comrades?”

The Dragon looks around. There are 5 Golems with a height of 5 meters each surrounding it.

Then there is an Ice Dragon slowly orbited on top of the Dragon's head, ready to attack it at any given time.

Ellie is located a little further from us, getting ready to start chanting as soon as the battle begin.

Sati is acting as Tilika's guard, currently ready with her sword and her shield.

"Everyone here is my family, as well as my party member. There should be no problem. Now, let's begin."

"...I'm from a proud Dragon Tribe! No matter how strong the enemy, I'm not someone who can be easily defeated!!"

The dragon gives a deafening howl. I'm glad that right now we are near the forest. If we did this near the town then I'm sure they would be surprised by its voice.

Then, the dragon silently waits until Tilika has reached a safe distance.

After Tilika is ready, the battle starts.

The Dragon pursues after Tilika who has taken refugee behind my Golem. Not a bad judgement at all. High in the sky, the Ice Dragon starts pursuing. However, when the Dragon tries to go on the offense, all 5 Golems jump out and pin it down. It turns around and chews one of my Golem's arms.

Even though there are 5 large Golems working together, it is still hard to hold down a rampaging dragon.

All of my 5 Golems together should be a large enough force to hold down the Dragon. Plus, their strength is by no means poor. However, if I don't carefully operate them then it might be able to break through.

5 of them are barely enough to face off against the dragon. I'm glad that I prepared more than I had originally planned.

"You have no more chance of winning! Please surrender now!"

I shouted to the dragon while controlling my Golems.

Seeing that the dragon possessed more power than expected, I became slightly impatient under the assumption that the Golems might not be able to hold it off much longer.

The Ice Dragon is set to attack whenever it receives my signal. I can make it attack anytime the Dragon shows a shred of will to resume. To think that all my Golems combined are not enough to completely pin down this Dragon sends shivers down my spine.

I hope it is persuaded to surrender.

The Dragon eased its strength after growling for a while.

“Yes. You showed enough power to be our Lord. I will pledge my future to wield my power in accordance with thy summoning... But before that, O LORD, will you not release me from this golem?”

The Golems ease their strength and start getting up. Ellie seems a bit disappointed as her role to deliver a magic blow is no more.

The dragon slowly gets up and goes to Tilika. Then it lowers its head.

“Your name?”

“I already have a physical body. I will let you decide my name.”

Tilika looks this way.

Do I need to come up with a name again? Ryuu, Dragon, or Drago. Yeah, I think Drago will do fine.

“How about Drago?”

“Drago. That is a good name. From now on I bestow upon you the name; Drago.”

“I am aware, my little Lord, my name is Drago, I will ask you for your continued patronage.”

After that, the dragon disappeared, as if collapsing.

“Masaru, my magical power. Seems like it’s nearly depleted.”

“Ah, I didn’t notice. I’ll replenish it right now.”

The dragon's disappearance shows that Tilika has hit her magic power limit. In addition to the magic power consumed during summoning, for a summoned beast this size extra magic power will be consumed during the running period.

"Let's increase your magic power when you level up next time."

I say while chanting the Miracle Light.

"Yes. Will do so."

When I'm about to return the Golems to the ground after replenishing Tilika's magic power, she said.

"I'm going to show it to master."

"Eh?"

"I'm going to show Drago to master."

"Will that be fine?"

"Your secret won't leak out. That's why..."

I wonder if she just wants to show off. Well this is a massive improvement since her time working with the guild vice leader.

"This issue aside, there is still some use for the future. With this, it's easier for me to convince master that it's a correct choice for me to abandon the job. Master is a high ranking official within the Truth Palace. If we manage to get him in our side, then I'm sure he will be useful in the future."

Surely, the capability to summon a Dragon is not a laughing matter. This might be what she mentioned before, something that can change the world trends.

"Your master is still staying here?"

"He told me that he is staying here for a year or so."

"But isn't it hard to bring him out here?"

Ann gave a good point. It is certainly troublesome to go to the town and bring him back here.

"Showing it to him nearby the town will do. Masaru only needs to create an

Earth Wall so that we won't be visible to outsiders."

Since Ellie's plan seems plausible, we all decided to go back to town.

"Hey. Your familiar, Drago. I wonder if it is possible to ride on it and fly."

"Can."

""""OHH!""""

Now this is getting exciting! To be able to fly with dragon, this really is a fantasy world!

"Let's get on it! Now!"

"No, no, just wait a sec. It's dangerous to fly with a dragon this near to the town."

"That's right. Please don't say such a selfish thing, Ellie."

"We can go to yesterday's hunting location by using transfer. Plus, the transfer point is nearer to here than the town's gate too."

"That is a good idea. Let's go, Masaru."

"Me too! I want to ride it too! Please, Masaru sama!"

"Really, then let's go. It's not like I have any more plans for today."

It's a good thing that our walking distance is decreased.

Immediately after Ellie activated Transfer, we are now at yesterday's hunting ground. I quickly surveyed the surrounding.

"I detected nothing with my skill. You can call it out now, Tilika."

"Come, Drago!"

Heeding Tilika's summons, Drago immediately appeared. It appeared instantaneously as if it was around. As expected, this can be used to cut our time and labour. Checking Tilika's status menu, I confirmed that her MP is slowly decreasing. Even after the summoning is completed, her MP keeps on decreasing, and looking at its pace she won't have more than 3 minutes. I decided that she must increase her MP after this.

For now, I'll support her by using my Miracle Light.

“Did you call me, my lord.”

“I want to fly on your back.”

“Piece of cake.”

Drago lowered his body until he reaches the ground. Still, even after he has lowered down, it is still too high to climb.

I see his height is still more than 2 meters. I make a rock and used it as a foothold. Sati gets on the rock and jumps on top of Drago's back. While I'm thinking of whether to rely on the rock, I saw the other 3 get on Drago by using Levitation.

“Masaru too, hurry up and get on top here.”

Ellie calls to me from on top of the dragon. I've forgotten, we can actually float towards its back.

“I'm coming now.”

While thinking about how to actually ride it, I store the rocks and use Levitation to get up. Drago's back is wide and basically coated with rough scale, but if you ask me then I'll say it feels closer to skin. At the center of its back, there is something like a mane. I wonder if it is really okay for us to grab hold of it.

But it's not so slippery that we will easily slide off it.

“We will not fall, right?”

“Please look forward to it.”

Drago turns his neck, facing us and said so.

Your face is too close. I would love it if you keep some distance. It felt like I'm going to get swallowed whole.

After Drago faced forward, we can feel that his back is shaking slightly. Then we see that his scales are getting compressed, and form several seats in a row.

I'm surprised that he can do this skillfully. It looks like a rigid chair made of his skin. Though it looks like it is not comfortable to sit on, it should be enough for us to sit and not to fall off.

“My body and flesh are basically formed by magical power. That’s why I’m capable of doing something like this.”

“Does that mean you can change to different forms?”

“That is impossible. I can’t be anything beside a Dragon. I can only change my body slightly, like this. However, depending on my Lord’s magical power, I’ll be able to reinforce my body to become stronger and stronger.”

Currently, Tilika’s MP is still lower than what I prefer, and I don’t think that it will increase that much in the near future.

“Drago, fly.”

After confirming that everyone is seated, he gives a growl and we start flying once his wings start flapping up and down. Just like that, he continues to rise upwards steadily.

This feels like getting on a roller coaster.

He quickly went above the forest trees and hovered still. Though, compared to the size of his body, his wings are actually too small. He looks like he is trying his best just to keep flying.

I used Magical Sense, and it seems that there are still flows of magical power. This is even better than our usual Levitation. Of course, he has no choice other than depending on Tilika as a magic source. From just now, Tilika’s MP is decreasing faster and faster. If we are to use him as a transportation method, then we will face a limit, just like a real car.

Well, it is still impossible to go into the town via this way in the first place.

“For now, let’s have a tour of the surrounding area.”

Drago moves as instructed. I wonder if the old propeller aircraft feels like this. Even though the visibility is quite limited because of the wings, it is still quite an experience.

We flew for a few minutes and got off at the transfer point. Then Drago vanished.

“The ride was quite comfy. We can rely on him for long-distance traveling.”

“But we can’t use him for running an errand. I don’t think he is allowed to land within a town’s perimeter.”

“He can’t stay for a long period of time though. Just by summoning it, a lot of magical power is consumed. Then, he still needs to feed off Tilika’s magical power just to maintain his form and to fly.”

For the consumption problem, she can simply solve it by learning the MP enhancement and usage reduction the next time she levels up. But I don’t know how much fuss people will make once they find out that there is a girl who is using a Dragon as a familiar.

“My, this is a waste.”

“Increase my magical power.”

“Then you need to work hard during our hunt next time.”

“You are right. I’ll do my best starting from tomorrow.”

Today, I don’t have much magic power to spend after this Team Transfer spell.

“Let’s go home. Masaru, please replenish my magic power.”

After this I still need to use Earth Magic. My magical power is about to run out for the first time in a while.

Once we arrived at the town, we straight away go and find Tilika’s master.

Ellie and Ann already went back home. Seems like they want to continue their cooking lessons.

When I went to the adventurer guild together with Sati and Tilika, just in the nick of time we found Tilika’s master over there.

“There is something that I would like to show you. Let’s go outside the town.”

“Fine.”

Silently, we walked outside the town. I wonder if Tilika’s master is not a talkative person. The quiet atmosphere is too stifling.

It is going to be bad if we do it too near to the town’s gate, which is why we walked for about 10 minutes before stopping.

“It should be okay here.”

By using Earth Magic, I created a U-shape Earth Wall to block us from outsiders from 3 directions. Since this wall’s purpose is originally to hide Drago, the resultant wall is quite humongous. With this, I finally don’t have to spend my magic power anymore for today.

There is some magic power left, which is why I’ve not fainted yet. But right now, I feel really sluggish. I don’t want to do stuff like this anymore.

“So grandiose. Then what is it that you want to show me.”

“This.”

Tilika shows the mouse on top of her palm. So, she is going to show this one first.

“Oh? I didn’t see where did you take this out from. Is this some kind of new trick?”

The mouse, Pani, jump towards Tilika’s master’s hand. Tilika’s master looks at it, and tries stroking it.

“I’m going to show everything in order. Next is this.”

Pani the mouse disappeared, and is replaced by Hawk.

“Although it is certainly a fun entertainment, do we need to go out of town for such a thing? Plus, creating this wall?”

This is a waste of time, is what he is trying to say.

This master is too mean. Well it is to be expected since right now it’s just Hawk. Would you like an unusual animal then?

“There are 2 more things that I would like to show you.”

Hawk disappeared. Next, Tiger appeared in front of this master’s eyes.

“Hoh. This time it looks like a strong one appeared.”

Surprisingly, even after Tiger appeared, he doesn’t look particularly nervous. I wonder if this person is a strong fighter. Or maybe his trust in Tilika is just that deep.

“This is Tiger. Strong and cute. He is currently my guard.”

Tiger walked towards the master, and naturally, it sits down and lets this master stroke it's back. Just like that, he simply reaches out his hand to touch it. Usually, people will ask about it first.

“Wow, this really...” He sits down and continues stroking its back while saying something like this.

“You can ride it and make it run. Master, do you want to try?”

“Please.”

With a serious expression, master gets up and rides on Tiger's back. Together with Tiger, he rides around. After a while, their silhouette disappeared at the meadow. Seriously, don't run off that far please. Sure, I think it is still comprehensible since it is a tiger, getting around within this tall grass is an okay. But I don't want you to get discovered by other people.

“My master really loves animals. He has many animals like horses kept in his mansion. More importantly, bad news.”

Yup, there's no need to mention it, I already know what you want to say.

“My magical power is running out.”

Right? Mine is going to run out soon too... But thinking about it again, I don't want to shame Tilika who wants to show off in front of her master. My magic power has slightly recovered too while idling till now.

I took out concentrated Magi Tea from my storage, and together both of us drink it. Drinking it for the first time, Tilika's face frowns at the tea and she stuck her tongue out due to its extreme bitterness.

“This, taste bad.”

Please endure it. I don't like drinking this stuff either.

I take out 2 MP potions. I give the first one to Tilika, and I drink the second one myself.

“Now I hope that there is a little more time before master comes back. That way we can recover more magic power.”

I took a deep breath and chant the Miracle Light. Just because my magic power is lesser now doesn't mean it will produce little output. It's fine as long as I can endure it. I need to prepare my mind in case what Ellie said happens.

Afterward, the Miracle Light activated. Right now, it feels like my magic power is completely gone. Sati is supporting the now staggering me. I feel nauseated. My eyes are losing focus, but somehow I manage to prevent myself from collapsing.

"Sorry, Masaru. I'm asking for the impossible."

"No, it's okay. I'm doing it for Tilika's sake after all."

Just in time, Tilika's Tiger comes back to us. Sati helps me get onto the ground and I drink the Magi Tea again. I can't show him my weakened state.

"This is different from riding a horse. Very good experience."

"Then I'll show you the last one. Needless to say, please keep everything a secret."

"Sure."

Tiger vanished, and Tilika starts chanting Dragon summoning.

"Manifest, Drago."

Thus, a huge Dragon appeared next to Tilika.

"O, ooh, this is..."

This master who is not particularly impressed even after looking at Tiger, is now lost for words.

"Drago. This person in front of you is my Master. Greet him."

"My name is Drago. I'm from a proud Dragon lineage. Right now, I'm serving under Tilika sama as her servant. Best regards, Master dono."

"Ooh, this is a courteous one...."

Contrary to his loud voice, Drago speaks to this master with polite speech.

"Surprised?"

"I'm surprised. This is really unexpected. How is this possible?"

“Right. This is my newly acquired power.”

“To make a Dragon obey your command...this is certainly worth abandoning your work.”

“But this is only part of the reason.”

“Can I touch it?”

Taking a gulp, this master comes close slowly as if scared, and touches its scale.

“This is just part of it, huh. Just what do you mean that this is just part of it?”

This master is touching the stomach many times, as if to check how it is really feels. He doesn't seem to be amused at all since earlier, but after Drago appeared, he looks really impressed.

“I don't have sufficient magic power to put it out too long. He is going to vanish anytime now.”

After Tilika said so, Drago disappeared.

“What in the world has happened...”

“I can't talk about it right now.”

“Last time, you mentioned about the 3<sup>rd</sup> clause. Honestly, I half-doubted your decision. But with this, I can say that I fully trust you now. I will forward this matter to upper levels as your supporter.”

This master said so, then he glanced my way.

“Thank you, master.”

“You, over there. Last time, you said you are Masaru.”

“Ah, yes.”

“If you encounter any problems, please come and seek my help. I'm a First-Class Truth Official, Clemens Ograin.”

He took a small insignia from inside his pocket and handed it to me. I've met him several times before, but this is the first time he introduced himself.

“The Truth Palace is a large organization. If you want to show something to

the Truth Official, then you can just give out my name. You will receive some cooperation. But don't you dare abuse it now, okay?"

"I understand. Thank you very much."

"With that said, Tilika. I hope that we can talk about this sometime in the near future."

This master quietly walked towards the town.

"What was that just now, Tilika?"

"It's like an identity card for a Truth Official. I rarely use it since I already have the Evil Eye. I have it too."

That said, she shows it to me, albeit a different shade of colour.

"Master's is made of Mithril, while mine is copper."

"Hmm. It is just like a badge. Can I keep it?"

"I don't know, but I think it should be fine."

"Is that so? Then, why don't we go back to town."

The insignia might prove to be useful for something. I'll keep it in mind.

"I'm hungry. I want to eat Bear Soup again."

"Really? Since Ann and Ellie have prepared something for lunch, I'll try to make it for our dinner tonight."

The lunch is ready once we reach home.

"I've tried reeeaaally hard today you know! Check my skill in the status menu please, pleaaaase? I'm sure that the cooking skill is listed inside now."

I checked her status menu, but there is no such thing as a cooking skill.

"This is really weird. The dishes got burnt a little here and there, but I'm pretty sure it came out decent..."

Far from being a bit, the food is totally scorched. I tell you now, Angela san. Leaving it to Ellie herself...I want you to revise your policy where you give freedom to Ellie to make whatever she wants.

"Weird...there really are no problems in particular when I'm doing it by

myself. Even the children at our orphanage can somehow get by with this kind of dish.”

Today’s Ellie original menu is an oddly squashed meat with vegetables. The food would be perfect, if only there were no raw or burnt parts mixed in, which basically make this impossible to eat. Not only that...just why are there fruits mixed inside too!?

The only edible part is just a small patch of the food. Did she think that she can get away with it somehow if she managed to cook just a small part of it decently?

And Angela san too, is it really necessary for me to taste it? I wonder if it’s okay for me to just throw this away?

“Not good. If you avoid the burnt part, then there’s no problem. You can eat it just like usual...”

You don’t have to force yourself that much, Angela san. There are tears in your eyes you know.

I need around 24 hours to completely recover the lost magic power. So, that would be from now until tomorrow afternoon. After that we will resume our hunting.

And after 2 days off, finally it is Tilika’s turn to service again.

Now that her master has properly accepted her reasons, she seems really glad. This is really worth me getting my magic power squeezed dry and overworked today.

## Chapter 8: Harpies raid, once again

Our hunt in the forest is going well. Compared to the entrance part of the forest, our encounter counts with the Demons are definitely higher over here in the deeper parts the forest. However, there is no need for us to get worried since there are two of us that has detection skills, plus there's Tilika who can survey the surroundings from the sky by using Hawk.

We have the advantage to give the best out of any situation, which is great. From a distance, we can send a bombardment towards the enemy. This really make our job easier.

“Putting Hawk aside, your detection skill is really useful. I’ve never experienced an easy hunting session like this before.”

Said Ellie while we are taking break, after we finished cleaning the corpses of three orcs

“Isn’t it normal for any adventurers to have the detection skill?”

“Turks definitely has good eyes and ears, but both Masaru and Sati are at different levels. I guess Turks would definitely be level 1 or 2 at most.”

Turks is a former party member of Ellie who was in charge of scouting. I heard that every B rank party has remarkable ability, I never would have thought that this is their level.

“One of the primary reason as to why hunting inside a forest is dangerous is because we don’t have a clear vision. It’s nice if the monsters make a huge noise like the Orcs just now, but sometimes, we don’t notice it since they are very well hidden. I heard about this before, that there is a party who is hunting and in middle of it, they didn’t realize that they are already at the center of a monster’s nest. Of course, the party was utterly crushed.”

So, everyone said that this forest is actually dangerous. But actually, nothing much has happened to us, much more a dangerous situation. It’s undeniable that many places can turn harmful if we have not used any detection skills.

Snakes and insects here are especially dangerous. Sati can always detect them with her ears though.

I was surprised when we encountered a 2-meter Mantis here before. The Mantis' sickle is very hard, some of them can even cut iron. I was speechless when I heard about it. Like this, even if one were to wear a full plate armor like a knight it will become useless. I managed to find the hidden Mantis by using my detection skill, and it became a prey for both Tilika and Ann's Ice Bullet.

"I think we've had enough rest now. Masaru, how much of your magic power remains now?"

"Over half."

My role is basically an MP reservoir. It's been decided that I'm to support everyone during our hunt.

"It's alright. I think this amount is enough for our hunting session today. Let's continue. So far, we've only encountered small fries, I hope we can find a worthy opponent next."

That's quite a careless remark, it might raise a big flag soon. Basically, an unavoidable threat is coming towards us.

I'll try my best to endure it and drink the Magi Tea secretly if required. I'll keep this on mind.

One hour after we left, we still didn't encounter anything yet. Of course, there are still some small animals or birds in surrounding. Just that there are no larger animals or Demons. I kind of remember this phenomenon somewhere. It is as if, there is a large nest nearby, and the residents of that nest has eliminated the other Demons nearby.

"Something is here."

Ellie muttered.

"If the situation gets dangerous then we will get out by the gate, got it?"

"Masaru is a scaredy-cat. Even if they are coming at us we still have Drago. It will be fine I tell you, it's fine."

"It sure is nice if that is the case."

There are those times when a single mistake can lead to a failure. Such as that time when the Harpies discovered me.

“I found a Harpy nest.”

Immediately thereafter, Tilika give us her report.

“Do you know roughly the scale?”

“I immediately retreated as to not be found.”

“This much is fine. Please ask Hawk to return. I’ll take it from here.”

“I’m going to follow you, Masaru sama.”

“No, only I’m going. I can know how much Harpies are inside the nest by using my detection skill. Sati needs to wait here.”

Both of us has Covert, not only that, we have Stealthy Step skills too. But since one of use is capable of magic and another one has only physical strength, it is obvious who suited most for this task. Not only that, I’ve decided to make sure that my wives will face minimal danger, and I’ll face it instead.

“Yes.”

“Be careful, Masaru.”

“Yea, I’m going.”

It’s time for me to raise my own level soon. Or course, I can still use Skill Reset. However, right now most of my skills and spells are essential, and can’t be forgotten just like that. Plus, I would rather use Skill Reset as the last option. If it is not for the forest, I would have blown the nest with my Meteor.

While thinking about such things, not long after, I arrive at the nest. My detection managed to catch lots of signs. 20, 30, 40, 50...and there are still more of them which is outside my detection range too. Should I come closer to make sure? For now, I’ll report this to them through this mouse. After waiting for a while, Pani shook its head. That is the sign to go back.

I’ll retreat silently this time. It will be bad if I were to get caught by a group of more than 50 Harpies. I’d die.

Once I returned safely to everyone, we started our strategy meeting.

“We can just deliver them final blow with my magic like last time. If I just increase the range then there is no problem even if they are scattered.”

“I wonder how much of them has not returned yet.”

“But there is no way we can simply leave that kind of large nest alone. If we can’t kill all of them then at least we must take the nest down.”

During our fight at the wall last time, the Harpy was one of the most troublesome enemies. If we simply leave them alone, then someone might get hurt.

“Sati and Tilika, what do you think?”

“I agree with killing them.”

“Can’t decide.”

“Alright, proceed with the ‘big three’ decision then.”

So, it’s the majority vote. Even I agree that we should kill them while we can ...

“Are we using the same strategy like before?”

“Basically, it is. But this time we will cast it a bit farther than the effective range unlike last time.”

After we reach the conclusion in our meeting, we all wait till it is evening so that we can destroy everything in one full sweep. Harpy is a non-nocturnal Demon. They have a habit to return to their nest and sleep during nighttime.

While hiding beneath the shade of the forest, a number of Harpies flew overhead of us towards their nest. Right now, I’m afraid that we will get discovered by the Harpies so much my heart is beating so hard. I was reminded of the time when the Harpies raided our town. That time, it was obvious that they attacked me because they detected my magic power.

What if the one passing through above is the top within their flocks? Waiting like this is hard.

“Scared?”

Ann brings her face close and whispers to me. Actually, it’s not like the

Harpies are that near to us, so it's okay to speak in normal volume. But somehow, her voice lowers and turned to whisper.

"...really scared, I am. Suddenly, I remembered the time when those Harpies came to our town for the first time."

"But you're not same now. You've grown stronger."

...she is right. Still, I don't feel like I've improved much even after gaining much skills. I still get nervous and my heart still beats hard. My level 5 Fire Magic is useless in this situation. Still, it would be impossible to hunt inside this forest without detection skills and my role as a Magic Tank.

"Being able to conserve lots of magic power within oneself is also one form of strengths, don't you think? Thanks to Masaru, everyone can fight without worrying about their magical power. In the first place, even my strength now is all thanks to Masaru."

"You think so? But, I want to play an active role this time."

"Like a Hero?"

"Not that much. Alright, I'll settle for a simple role today. I'll leave it to Ellie to finish it with a bang."

Just a little, I'm satisfied with being able to show my good sides to my wives.

"That's the way. Since we are all in the same party, I want everyone to get stronger too. Though, since I'm originally a Healer, now that I've not much chance to do it, I'm afraid my skill will get rusty."

"In exchange, you got lots of chance to use your Water Magic today."

"It is a different thing. See, Masaru is the same too. each time you're using Healing Magic, didn't you try to image it first?"

"Same for me", added Ellie

"Do you regret it, becoming an adventurer?"

"No. Since I was young, it was my dream to enter the Order of the Temple. I always heard the story about them from High Priest. Since then, I've been longing for it."

“...then, why don’t you get in?”

“It’s rare for a woman to get chosen. Plus, I don’t have much talent in fighting, since my aptitude is more towards magic.”

Most of the adventurers in this world has a fit body. It is a hard job for a woman like Angela, especially if it’s to function as a vanguard.

“After you raise your level, why don’t we focus more on that area next?”

“I’ll decline. I’ve accepted that the style doesn’t suit me.”

Aptitude is important. Just like the time when Sati wanted to learn magic, but it is impossible for her race. I guess mine will be in healing and also constructional works. But that is the rule of this world so it’s a waste of time to sweat over it.

Casually, I take a look at Sati direction, and find that she is staring at me. Tilika and Ellie are leaning to Tiger while taking a nap and Sati is being sandwiched between them. They might look quite a bit carefree, but it is important to take a rest while the time still allows it. I’m not in a mood to rest so I become a guard together with Ann.

“How about Sati? Is there anything that you specially want to raise? I know you want to use magic.”

“Hmm. I believe that magic is still impossible.”

She fainted 3 times before.

“I’m satisfied with being able to be of use to everyone here. That’s why I’m okay without magic.”

She stops talking once she saw Tilika move during her sleep. Maybe our conversation is too loud?

After that, I kept myself silent.

I felt refreshed after getting it out my lung. Now, I don’t get flustered much during when the Harpy is passing through above us.

Though, there sure are lots of them.

Over 10 of them has passed through us since then. Like this, I won’t be

surprised if there are more than 100 of them.

The time has come. I shook both Tilika and Ellie.

“There are more Harpies than I’ve expected.”

I guess there is a need to rethink our strategy. Honestly, I’m scared, since there are more of them than I initially thought.

“Other strategies are all dangerous you know.”

“Keep some magic power to summon Drago.”

Tilika’s magic power has increased exponentially during our hunt today, therefore I’ve lessened my worry for her magical power shortage issue now.

“Any more discussion is meaningless. Just leave all of it to me.”

Well, it’s not like we have any other alternatives. The situation isn’t getting any better too, from the time when I got back here.

Ellie believed that she herself is enough to wipe them out, and here I’m getting scared alone.

“I understand. Let’s do it.”

Together with Tiger and Ellie, we finally reach the distance where the nest is visible. To reduce the risk of being discovered during casting, the other 3 are waiting 200 meter behind us. I already created four 3-meters Golems to act as their guard. From my experience, I know that this distance is still within my range of control.

While being hidden within the shades of the forest, Ellie secretly started chanting her spell. Together with Tiger beside me, we are to act as Ellie’s guard. As expected, it takes lots of guts if Ellie want to chant the spell exposed to the enemy.

As the chant is progressing, dark clouds start gathering on the sky and it starts to get noisy inside the nest. Flocks of Harpies start flying away from the nest. It’s hard to see it from this distance, but one of the Harpy seems to notice us and it gave a cry.

As I’ve expected, there is a higher variant which is capable to sense magic

flow. All the Harpy are coming towards us.

“We’ve been discovered. Let’s regroup.”

Mentioning this to her, I start mobilizing the Golems. There is no use hiding now. I can see lots of Harpies are fighting towards us.

While holding my sword in my hand and the anti-electric shield at another, I’m waiting for the Harpies to come.

Her casting is not done yet!?

I shot the first one down with Fire Lance. My second chant was unable to keep up with the second one since their flight speed is faster. When I tried to ready my sword, it came to attack me, but was shot down by an arrow. It was Sati’s.

Soon after, the 3<sup>rd</sup> wave came and hit us as I’m still preparing myself.

Finally, Ellie’s chant is completed.

“Come, come. The strongest strike which shatters all, Thunder God, roar and strike the enemies from heaven! Tera Thunder!”

A flash appeared followed suit with a roaring sound. This time, I managed to hide behind the shield’s shadow properly and protected my eyes. Nothing I can do for my ears though.

The moment I raised my head to check the situation, I received shocks from my shield and fell down on my back.

My arms got num, and my shield got tossed away. The Harpy tried to attack me while I’m getting up. Shit, this time, the same thing again!

But this time I won’t get flustered. I’m still gripping my sword, and my armor was strengthened. It’s alright.

I managed to get up and guard my upper half. My foes are 3 Harpies. This is bad. They are attacking as a team. It took me everything just to guard against their attack.

Suddenly, I got splattered by blood, and one of them fell down.

“Masaru!”

It's Ellie. Ellie's magic arrow has struck them down. The others were distracted by the attack, and in the meantime, I managed to re-readied my stance. She was taking cover behind the tall trees, and now she got the attention from another group of Harpies. She should be able to handle that amount, around 2 of them...no, including the newcomer it increased to four.

Another Harpy got hit by the arrow, thus falling to the ground. I felt relieved to know that Sati is okay too.

In the meantime, I'll need to deal with the Harpy in front of me first.

While it is possible to avoid their attack to some degree, or block it with my sword, since they are attacking from both on the ground and from the sky, it is hard for me to block this configuration of attack.

Each time I've healed my injuries, new wounds would be engraved in my body.

I can't keep up anymore. It's only a matter of time now. Other members probably have their own hands tied.

The Golems should be arriving here soon. Though I can make them arrive here faster by controlling them directly. I have knocked down 2 more, but the number of Harpies doesn't show any sign of decreasing. Judging from the surroundings, I can see that many of them are still within the perimeter. There is no way I can leave them alone.

At that time, an Ice Dragon appeared on top of us, and swallowed all the Harpies. Instantly, the area was void of Harpies.

"Ellie!"

Hearing my call, Ellie came over. The Golems are within my sight now. On top of it, I can see Sati as well.

"I told you to regroup first earlier."

I said while running. A Harpy was flapping its wing weakly and got shot down by Sati.

Ellie maintained the lead. Tiger was guarding our back as the rearguard.

I ran for about 50 meters more and jumped towards the Golem.

“Ellie, Masaru! I’m glad. Both of you are safe.”

“It’s okay. Please, Tilika.”

“I know.”

We all regrouped within the perimeter of the Golems.

“Just a little request, please don’t let the Harpy get near. Ellie, come here.”

I cast Miracle Light. Tilika has started to summon Drago. I’m not able to operate the Golems right now due to my arm getting injured. My ability is getting restrained for now.

Simultaneously, both Tilika’s and my chanting finished. Now, both Ellie and Tilika’s magic power is replenished.

“Drago, kill them all.”

“As you wish.”

Drago turns his body to face the Harpies nest.

“Careful not to envelope the forest with your Breath Attack!”

“The Harpies are getting away, should we pursue?”

Drago turned his neck and asked for confirmation.

“Ah, really? Then be careful with the surroundings, okay.”

Well that’s about right. not only their nest got destroyed, now that they see a Dragon with us, I’m sure they feel that they have lost this fight.

“You are injured. I’ll heal you now.”

Ann casted Heal. Thanks to my all new stronger armor, I managed to get through with just some minor scratches.

“Ann doesn’t have much magic power left either. I’ll replenish it for you now.”

I still have plenty of magic power left. I’ve only used it to create four Golems, and since then I don’t have time to cast another spell.

“Anyone else injured?”

Everyone replied ‘no~’ to Ann. Like this, isn’t I’m the only one to get injured

this time? I feel terrible.

“Let’s quickly collect the Harpy. The sun will set soon.”

Together with Drago, me and Ellie started collecting the Harpy. There are a total of 152 of them. Ellie’s magic attack alone had defeated about 100 of them. If we include the number that managed to escape, then it is likely that there are about 200 of them.

“152, huh. We had made some profit today. Though it was very dangerous.”

“Yea, this is lots. But a very dangerous situation regardless.”

I want to shout that she is raising a flag, but I kept it to myself. Earlier too, it’s not like we encountered much Harpies because she said it, that kind of reasoning is unreasonable. Still, nothing big happened after that.

Today I’m really tired.

“Isn’t it nice, we managed to get a big haul just like I predicted.”

“A-actually it’s not like they appeared just because I hoped for it, you know?”

Since the person herself seems to be a little concerned, I didn’t want to think about it anymore.

## Chapter 9: A week in the forest and cellar

“I think we seriously need a vanguard. Preferably a large shield user.”

Ellie suddenly started a topic. We just reached home after the battle with the Harpy. After taking a meal and cleansing ourselves underground, we are now taking it easy at the living room.

“I agree. I can’t fight while operating the Golem.”

It is bad because everyone is not good at anything other than firing a long-distance attack. I thought that we can somehow get away by using the Golem as replacement, but when I do it, I’ll be too concentrated on the job and become unable to do anything else. Calling out Drago is a hassle too.

“The problem right now is that Masaru is not able to move freely during battle. He is an essential force in our party so it is difficult after all.”

Ellie continued.

“So, did Leuven enter the same magic school that Ellie went to?”

Leuven is a former party member of Ellie’s old party. He is a warrior who uses a big shield. He has a very strong shield that can withstand a Dragon’s body slam and their Breath Attack. Our job will be way easier if we had a strong shield user like Leuven.

“I think so. It’s a Royal School for Magic. The entry is during spring. Because it has an entrance exam, he should be studying first right now. Honestly it will be great if Leuven wanted to enter, but this will interfere with his wish to learn magic.”

“Now we can only post a recruitment job at the guild, or we can buy a slave and train him/her to become one.”

Considering my circumstances, I think it would be better if we were to take a slave, rather than recruiting someone. It is easier to keep their mouth shut too.

“You want to buy a slave again? Will it be a girl?”

Ann reacted to the word 'slave'.

"You see, let's say I buy a male slave. I don't want us to live together with him just because I've bought him."

It's not like I purposely want to buy a new girl slave. It's just that I don't want another guy to join as a member.

"That's good and all, but will you let a girl to play a role as a shield?"

I wonder. But a beast girl slave should be able to fight very efficiently.

"Whatever it is, I don't want some unknown person inside our party."

Anne firmly said her opinion. Although we all just got married, I already wanted to add another girl in our lives. Truly a bad move in my part. First of all, there is not even an extra space in our house for more people.

"Should I build a cabin outside, in our garden? Maybe we should just move."

"Umm, I can act as the vanguard."

Satie raised her hand and said so.

"Can't do. You are a lightweight type. There is no way I would let our cute Sati hold a large shield."

Right, I agreed with them. Even though she ate a lot of food daily, there is no sign of her getting fat at all. I always wonder just where did all the food went to inside her slender body.

"We will continue to hunt inside the forest like usual. In the meantime, we will think about it."

After that, the meeting was dismissed. I've gone through a lot of harsh battles today, so I'm dead tired right now.

Ellie said something when we are both alone inside the bedroom.

"I'm really sorry for today. I wish I can think of a better strategy."

Looks like she is concerned with my injuries.

"You didn't do anything wrong. It was just a scratch today, Ann healed it as soon as possible, so it's okay."

Today was a terrible day, but it is not because of Ellie alone. Everyone, including me myself, couldn't think off a better strategy. That's why we proceeded with her tactic.

Despite getting worried, I believe that the Harpy nest should be taken down, and in the end, we did win our battle.

"It is Ellie who had pulled us through the battle, and lead us to victory. I'm supposed to be the leader of this party, yet its only in name only now."

Although she is not the leader for her previous party due to her young age, Ellie still has the most field experiences compared to us all as an adventurer. Above all, she is still 17, which is way younger than me. That's why the role of leader should naturally be for me.

"Although you are not very dependable, I still believe that Masaru is our rightful leader."

"Is that so?"

"That's right. Even the power I currently possess is thanks to Masaru. Even the issue with Nania. If Masaru is not there then I won't know what to do."

Regarding that matter with Nania san, last time she didn't want to leave Ellie no matter what. Because Ellie didn't want to follow Olba san anymore, it was pretty much his fate to be thrown aside at that time. Poor guy.

"Not only today, even last time with Nania I've got you injured. I also insisted strongly to get married, and it must be annoying.....with Masaru's ability, if you are able to choose a more honest and gentle girl, won't it look like you won't need me at all?"

Thanks to the Divine Protection, Ellie has greatly improved herself as a mage in a short amount of time. That might have helped to boost her confidence as a mage. But certainly, I didn't choose Ellie simply because she is a great mage, I feel like I need her, not the other unknown woman.

"I'm really glad to be married with you, Ellie. Besides, that power is something that was given by God to me."

If it's my original ability then I wonder if I can win against the Wild Rabbit. For

the Orc it's impossible.

"If, the Divine Protection disappeared someday, and I've turned so weak that I'm unable to win against a single Orc, what will you do?"

"Let's see, since Masaru is a good cook, I'll be the one to take care of you."

A househusband then! That sounds like a good idea too.

"Then if the time comes then I'll be on your care."

"Eh? There is no way that time will ever come .....?"

"Why not?"

"Woah!"

Since the mood has turned better now, I pinned Ellie down on our bed.

Getting thrown into a world that is going to get destroyed, becoming an adventurer, and always getting myself into dangerous jobs, if I were to indulge myself into happiness right now, it will still be forgivable, I think.

Next day morning, we didn't get much prey during our hunt. It might be because we still didn't get outside of the Harpy's range of influence yet. So, we decided to hasten our pace, but then something bad happened.

In the afternoon, Tilika can no longer walk. We took a break and Ann applied a small Heal. Though Heal can't recover the physical stamina, it can at least lessen the fatigue.

"I can still walk."

Even though she said so, it can be clearly seen how tired she is.

Based on what I heard from Tilika, seems like using Hawk as a scout drains a lot of her stamina. Originally, it is not supposed to affect her stamina, but since she was maneuvering Hawk while gathering visual information, it gets her exhausted real fast.

"Why don't you call back Hawk? You can summon Tiger and ride on its back."

"That is not good. Scouting is of importance."

Tilika instantly rejected Ann's proposal. Certainly, if not for Hawk's help then

our Harpy discovery last time might be delayed...

“Should I carry you?”

With my physical strength increased by the current skill, I’m confident to carry Tilika through this mountain, heck even Mount Fuji won’t be a problem.

I haven’t tried climbing Mount Fuji yet though.

“Then maybe you should call out a Golem.”

Oh, that is a good idea! It is a long-awaited job for Golem san who was useless until now!

I created a 2-meter Golem straight away. How should I made it carries her? Shoulder carry? Or Princess Style carry?

After consulted with them it was decided to carry her like a backpack. There should be something like a chair and a backrest attached. I cut off the surrounding trees to make such extension. Unsure of how strong it needed to be, I created it by using a thicker and heavier wood, and the Golem seemed okay with it. I also attached armrests and put a blanket to act as a sofa for her to sit down.

“Oh my. This one doesn’t look bad.”

Ellie said that while Tilika tried to sit comfortably behind the Golem.

“Does it need any more modifications?”

I asked Tilika.

“I think you can make it a 2-seater.”

Ellie looked this way with eyes full of expectations. Of course, I made it.

It is a simple do-it-yourself project especially if you have access to clays. By using it, there is no need to use nails anymore. I can easily make the frame from the woods, then fill it up with soils, trim it and it is completed.

After having finished setting up 2 seat at the back of the Golem, they both hopped on. I’m worried since the load is basically 2 times heavier now, but the Golem still steadily walks.

“That looks like it would be so comfortable.”

Somehow it has become popular and got praised.

“Would you like to try it too, Ann?”

There is still one more extra which has not been installed yet. I think it should be okay to hold up for at least 3 people.

“If I get too tired then I’ll be dependent on it.”

“Just tell me whenever you want to ride it, Sati.”

“Yes, Masaru sama.”

Putting that aside, me together with Sati lead the party.

After solving the problem, our hunt inside the forest turned smoother. The trees inside the forest which should’ve become advantageous to the monsters are no problem to us. During the evening when the nocturnal monsters has started to come out and the others returned to their nests.

Some large Trolls came out and became prey to our magical attacks. We didn’t have any opportunity to call out Drago and we didn’t encounter a large group like the Harpy’s last time. We’ve gotten more proficient in our spells and collaboration.

We are confident to the extent that if we were to encounter a large group of Harpies again we will pull it through.

“I thought we would require someone with a shield to be a vanguard, but it’s like this. then there is no need for it. Wouldn’t it be okay if we stay like this?”

“Right. Everyone too has also managed to level up their skills. Like this, there is no need to forcefully recruit new member.”

Everyone’s level has increased a lot by this week. Even mine has increased by 1.

**Masaru Level 22 Skill OP**

Skill Reset	Rasgarde World Standard Language	Clock
Cooking level 2	Covert level 4	Stealthy Steps level 4
Presence Detection level 4	Enhanced Physical Fitness Recovery	Willpower

Physical Reinforcement level 2	Shield level 3	Evasion level 3
Martial Art level 1	Archery level 3	Knife Throwing level 2
Swordsmanship level 4	Magical Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 5
Magical Power Enhancement level 5	MP Recovery level 5	MP Usage Reduction level 5
Common Magic	Life Magic	Recovery Magic level 5
Fire Magic level 5	Water Magic level 3	Wind Magic level 3
Earth Magic level 4		

First off, me. Both Covert and Stealthy Steps are now level 4. I got really scared that time during that fight with Harpy. That’s why I’m also thinking of raising my Swordsmanship skill, but after that I think it will be okay to increase it some other time.

### Sati Level 24 0P

Cooking level 2	Household level 2	Sewing level 2
Covert level 3	Stealthy Steps level 2	Sound Detection level 4
Smell Detection level 2	Sturdy	Hawk Eyes
Mind Eyes	Physical Reinforcement level 5	Agility level 5
Evasion level 4	Shield level 3	Swordsmanship level 5
Archery level 5	Life Magic	

The Physical Reinforcement skill increase the basic stats for 50% each time it levels up by 1. In other word, level 5 should be equivalent to +250% so it’s to be expected for about 3.5 performance increases. Although it seems not much, all her basic stats have grown quite well, and right now I’m no match to her be it speed or power.

### Angela Level 16 1P

Cooking Level 3	Housework Level 2	Cudgel Martial Art level 1
Magical Power Enhancement level 5	MP Recovery level 5	MP Usage Reduction level 3
Magical Sensing Level 1	Recovery Magic Level 5	Water Magic Level 4

Angela has strengthened all her magic power assist skills, and afterwards I got her to increase her Recovery Magic to level 5 too.

Tilika Level 17 15P

Cooking level 1	Evil Eyes of Truth or Lies	Magical Power Enhancement level 5
MP Recovery level 5	Magical Sense level 1	Water Magic level 4
Summoning Magic level 4	Summoning Magic level 4	

Tilika raised her overall magic power and raised her Water Magic level. The rest of the points are on hold for Summoning Magic.

Elizabeth Level 21 20P

Magic Sense level 1	High Speed Casting level 2	Magical Power Enhancement level 4
MP Recovery level 4	MP Usage Reduction level 2	Recovery Magic level 1
Space Magic Level 4	Fire Magic level 1	Water Magic level 1
Wind Magic level 5	Earth Magic level 2	

Ellie is keeping her points.

She planned to keep 40P to increase her Space Magic level 5.

“At this rate, we will arrive at Gorbass Fortress in 2 more days.”

I climbed the highest tree inside the forest and I looked at the way Ellie has pointed earlier. Far off my view, I can see an area where the trees have been cut down and a meadow. Beyond that is the mountain range and at the foot of it should be Gorbass Fortress.

“One week of living inside the cellar is a long time.”

After I descended I told Ellie so.

“I concur. I don’t want to be anywhere near the forest and the cellar anymore.”

I’ve upgraded it further. I already expanded the bathroom to twice the original size.

It should have been a comfortable place to live by now. Still, it is just a cellar. Even me who was an ex NEET felt stuffy inside. For normal people like Ellie, she can’t even stand to live in there for a 2<sup>nd</sup> day.

I’m used to being inside a closed room without others interfering, so to be able to recreate it made me kind of happy.

“If we managed to arrive at the meadow during daytime, do you want to proceed straight inside the fortress?”

We might need to move during nighttime, but treading a meadow during night would not be so dangerous. When push comes to shove, we will just push through using the Golem and it will be okay.

“Let’s do it. I want to have a long nice rest at the fortress room. We can make it in time if we hurried.”

Unfortunately, Ellie’s wish has gone puff. In the morning, we found the Orc Settlement.

“This is already near to the fortress. They might be the one from last time.”

Last time, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> layer of Gorbas Fortress wall was broken through, numerous Demons got inside. Adventurers from Siory town were dispatched to annihilate all of them, but the amount leftover is still unknown.

“We have no choice but to annihilate them; I’ll scout them.”

After increasing my Covert and Stealthy Steps, reconnaissance has been much easier. I’m not afraid of anything anymore. That’s what I’ve felt; Of course, I’ll still be careful.

According to Tilika’s intel, the Orc settlement was located inside an open area part inside the forest. Over there, a couple of huts that looks like it can be blown anytime can be seen. Some of them are working inside the building, some of them are outside just strolling around. There are around 40 of them? This time it seemed easier. After reporting this to Tilika through Pani, I returned back through the way I came.

“Alright then, should we go with the same strategy?”

As usual, the strategy is to silently encroach towards the enemy territory, and blow all of them to smithereens. We will only know the result after the spell has been released, so it’s kind of a bad idea actually. There is no way other than adapting to the situation if it went wrong.

Everyone gathered and silently went to a place nearby the settlement. Since we have done this quite a few times, everyone seems to have accustomed to it.

It won't be of any surprise if we get ambushed and attacked during this time. That's how tense I am right now.

Fortunately, we managed to get near the settlement without getting found out. The spell will only be released once Ellie has finished relocating us.

"Here I go."

First, Ellie casted a level 4 Wind Magic. Followed suit by both Ann and Tilika casting the level 3 Water Magic. After that I cast the level 3 Wind Magic. I can't use the Fire Magic. If I used it then everything will be engulfed by it.

Everyone activated their spell simultaneously. Four long range magic activated, the wind and ice storms united and raged. Immediately after shooting the magic, I collected some rocks and made it into a barrier. Let's say if there is any enemy surviving and counterattack, I'll at least be able to earn some time.

But after the magic hit the village, everything was blown to dust and there were no signs of any living beings. Right now, I can't check them through my detection. That is because if the newly dead corpse will give the same signal as if they are still alive.

Tiger went ahead to scout. Even if the summoned beasts were killed, they can simply be re-summoned back after certain time. That's why they are the best for a dangerous reconnaissance job.

"The last one is now dead; The Orcs have been annihilated."

After a while Tilika reported so.

"Let's quickly recover the Orcs' carcasses. After that we must hurry to the fort!"

But reality is cruel. Once again, fate has denied Ellie's wish.

"Someone is approaching."

Sati warned us.

## Chapter 10: VS Orc King

When we are departing from the Orcs settlement, Sati sense someone is approaching.

The only people that will come to this kind of place will only be adventurers like us. After waiting for a while, we heard a voice calling to us.

I saw several adventurers walking towards us.

“As I thought, it is adventurers. They might have mistaken us for monsters.”

While waiting for the adventurers to approach us, we took down our weapons. Though, the other party are still holding onto their weapons.

We have never seen the other party before. They have equipment like us adventurer, but theirs aren't smeared with blood.

They are just few meters from us now. Over all there are 4 people. All of them are still young. Makes me wonder if they really are adventurers.

Some of the crews look very tired. There are 3 men and 1 women. We've never seen their face around before. One of them comes forwards.

“We've come back to check because we have heard very loud sound.”

“That's right. Are you guys aiming for the Orcs too?”

“We just happen to find it before too. We are still wondering what to do. As you can see, there is only 4 of us. With this much persons, we don't think that we can take on the whole settlement alone.”

“Is that so. Then I'm glad. Are there anything that I can do for you guys?”

“Oh, I forgot to introduce myself. I'm Alvin, leader of the party [Cagoule].”

Saying so, he shown us his guild card.

“I'm Masaru, leader of [Samurai].”

Me too, shown him my card which I've always hang around my neck. My current rank is C.

Alvin look a bit surprised. Perhaps he never thought that my rank will be that

high since I'm quite young just like him. Even Lazard san is C rank. The difference between each rank is pretty big.

"That's pretty much about our situation. Are you guys going to Gorbass Fortress too?"

"That is our plan."

"If you don't mind, can we go together? There are lots more monsters than I thought."

I see. When I look carefully, seems like all 4 of them are worn out.

According to him, even though he managed to drive off all the enemies, the fatigue has taken toll on their body. When they discovered the Orc village, they've decided to turn back to the guild and report about it, only to heard a loud roaring sound mid-way and came back to check. There they met us.

"We are going to discuss about it first."

Ellie said so, and distance ourselves from the adventurers.

"What's now. If we are regrouping with them then we can't possibly reach the fort by today."

She starts giving off her opinion.

"We can't just leave them here. Let's bring them back."

Ann insists so.

"We need to camp outside then."

"Still better than the cellar. Besides, this kind of thing happens from times to times. It is better to practice it now."

Ellie, who seems to be the one against this idea the most, suddenly give her approval.

Do you hate sleeping in the cellar that much?

"On the other hand, it is good when other get indebted to us. We don't know when we will require help in the future."

Indeed, mutual benefit is important. I thought that the parallel world is more

about being savage, but it seems that I'm mistaken. Or is it because they are pure blood adventurer?

"Then it should be okay for 2 days. What do you think, Tilika?"

"I detected no lie, there is no objection."

"Please keep in mind to check for anything suspicious first."

Following Ellie, Tilika cover her head with the hood attached to her magician like cloaks.

If you didn't look carefully at her then there is no way that you will know that she has Evil Eye.

"Alright."

We return to the adventurer which are waiting at some distance from us to tell our conclusion.

"We have decided, let's go to the fortress together."

"For real!? I'm glad..."

Right after I told him, Alvin give a relief expression. I guess his journey has really been painful and tiring before we found him.

"Umm, I hope we can help each other when we are in trouble."

Since their baggage's are nearby me, I decided to take it. I heard that they are not capable of using the Item Box, and it is a trouble because they have too much baggage's. Even though they tried to keep their luggage to bare minimum, the amount of prey that they managed to hunt are quite a lot. There is no problem for me to take care of it all, but for now I divided it between the other four. Our travel is going to get tiring after this.

When Ellie suggested to put all his prey inside her Item Box, he looks really relieved.

"As I expected, the journey will be different with an Item Box user around. I think I'm going to try memorizing it, but there is no guarantee since Space Magic is very difficult. I envy you to have such an incredible mage as a member."

Ellie gave a wide grin after getting praised. Everyone are capable of magic in our party, but in term of Item Box I'm still superior, but seems like the notion will get overturned soon. This really is bad for my status.

"I've seen you guys before during the defensive battle at the fortress wall. You were at the second wall, weren't you?"

Alvin start talking to me while we are walking. They are groups of adventurers from another town, but it seems that they noticed both Ellie and Sati. Well, both of them are super cute after all.

Me? During my time at the fortress wall, I've tried my best to hide my presence, maybe that's why he doesn't noticed me. My equipment also greatly differs from that time. Perhaps he will notice if I were to introduce myself as the mage that has crushed the ladder, but I couldn't be bothered to tell all this.

They said that they remained even after the arrival of the Kingdom Troops, and that they helped to suppress the remaining Demons at the surrounding area. So that means there are quite some monsters left, even though we don't encounter much inside the woods.

"We've heard before that the forest are dangerous, but it is truly more than what we expected. Especially when it is nighttime. We've been deprived from sleep since there are more raid during that time. Compared to us, you guys who journeyed through the forests are really amazing."

Currently they are D rank. They are far cry from what you call as novice.

They mentioned that nighttime has been rough, but they must possess some skill to be able to come out of it unscathed.

They are capable of some beginner magic. I listened to the story of their difficulty eagerly, since it is somewhat interesting. Well, that is because every day I return back home during night and have a nice sleep.

Throughout the forest, they were thinking whether to proceed or return back, and finally they decided to proceed. The idea of a D rank party manages to capture the forest is tempting for them. This task might cost them some of their time, but if they were to reduce their sleeping time then it seems that it's going to be fine.

Even so, this guy really love to talk. I wonder if this guy is aware of our formation.

Right now, our formation is my party at the front and their party following suit from behind. Sati is leading us.

Those guys are wary to be placed at the back, but there are no actual dangers of getting ambushed since we have people with detection skills.

Of course, Taiga and Hawk are not summoned this time, and we are walking without a Golem.

I thought that having a Golem around will be nice, but Ellie remind me sternly to show some dignity as a higher-level adventurer.

The point is it is bad to depends on Golem all the time. As for Hawk reconnaissance, it should be able to observe all the way outside the forest by now. We can get back safely this way to the way they have come inside earlier.

Summoned beasts are a bother to explain. Since we don't want to unnecessarily stand out, there is no other way.

"The Orc settlement was destroyed by magic, isn't it? There is not even a trace left."

"We have an excellent mage in our party. But make sure you guys do not spread this around, okay?"

"Of course. It's just that I've never have much opportunity to witness such a large-scale magic before."

There is a need to conceal this matter as much as possible. We don't want a scout or referrer to come chasing after us later. Furthermore, Ellie is originally a B rank magician before joining our party. Thing will truly get troublesome if this goes out.

From the looks of it, seems like Alvin would like to hear more, but, when he opened his mouth next, he no longer talks about stuff related with magic, he is talking about another thing instead. Trying to be considerate to them, we walk in slow pace. And then the topic shift to the current situation of the fortress.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> wall construction of the fortress is progressing nicely, but since the

perimeter is quite large, it will take some more time before it is completed. There is no sight of movement from the demonic side too, therefore the Imperial Army is withdrawing slowly.

People who had escaped before are slowly returning, and the manpower is increasing now to rebuild the wall. It is only the matter of time before the fortress returns to its original state.

While we are walking and chatting cheerfully, Sati who is leading at the front stopped. Everyone else also stopped. Sati ears twitched and she is focusing straight at our front.

“Something are approaching us. There are lots of them. Perhaps, it is a group of Orcs.”

“Are they the one belonged to that Orc settlement?”

“Might be, since they are heading back. Do you know the number?”

“Around 20 to 30. It is not confirmed yet, there might be more.”

Sati answered Ellie’s inquiry.

“30!? We must get away from here ASAP!”

Hearing that there are about 30 of them, Alvin get panicked. The other 3 too, got alerted and start getting wary with the surrounding.

“They are still quite far away, so it is fine.”

I didn’t detect them yet, so it is true that they are still far away.

“Really?”

“Sati is capable of detecting enemy from far away, since her ears are very good.”

“But what are you planning to do? There are about 30 of them.”

“Defeat them of course. That’s a given.”

I thought that this group always went inside this forest.

Now I get it, why many people advised against me going inside the forest when I was just starting. Without a good preparation, there is no way to survive

in a forest.

“I know. Everyone is going to wait for a chance to ambush. Our party will deal with long range magic attacks, and if there are any survivors, I want you guys to take care of it.”

“You seriously want to do it?”

“Didn’t you saw that Orc settlement? It will be fine, I tell you.”

“O-okay...”

Since we are just facing a herd of Orcs, it should be okay to take them down quickly.

“I’m counting on you, Tilika.”

Tilika nodded to my instruction. Worse comes to worst, she can summon Drago to help us.

First of all, I’ll create myself 3 meter Golems.

I can’t control more than 4 Golems at the moment. I can still make it bigger, but it is not suitable here in this terrain. Anymore bigger than this, they will get their movement restricted.

“What now? Looks like there are quite a lot of Orcs. You guys can go into hiding now, we alone are enough.”

It will be easier for us to fight if they are not around, is what I’m thinking right now.

And there is no way I can involve bystanders that I’ve just met earlier today in a battle against group of Orcs.

Dealing with more than 30 Orcs at once with this much of numbers are suicidal for normal adventurers.

“Aren’t there lots of Orcs? Won’t it be better if you have more fighting forces?”

Alvin said, worried. As expected, they won’t back down that easily. Then I’ll let them help however they can.

“Understood. Then use this Golem as a shield when you’re fighting the Orcs.”

While preparing for the upcoming battle, they've finally reach my range of detection.

This might be worse than expected.

There are large numbers of them, and it is still growing. Might be because they don't have a concept of scouting first, they are just moving forward without stopping or checking.

"Ellie, there seems to be more of 50 of them. Plus, they are spreading up more on the end vertically. It's going to be hard to one shot them."

"More than 50, you said. But since it's just Orcs, then it shouldn't be a problem. As long as we manage to reduce it to some extent, then we can deal with the rest."

"Yea, that's what I'm thinking too."

"Let's try to finish them all out. Will the same magic formation that we use for the settlement be sufficient?"

Ellie level 4 magic will be used alongside the others level 3 magics. It is a water and wind hybrid attack. As usual, there is no place for Fire Magic this time too.

First, we observe the movement of the monsters. Based on that, we decide where is our attacking location. If the enemy moves within our expectation, then we should be able to ambush them from the side.

Silently, we hide ourselves within the bushes and wait for the arrival of the demons.

"They will reach here soon."

With a nervous looks on his face, Alvin readied himself for the upcoming battle.

Even though Alvin and his companions had heard that the number of Orcs are around 50, they still remain here to help us fight, after listening to our strategy. I'm sure they put faith on us since the same strategy that we are about to use are capable of destroying the Orc settlement.

We can see the group of Orcs are marching on the road.

Counting again, the number are actually 70. This is far more than the one at their settlement. Is this the main force? Due to their large numbers, the surrounding is full of noises coming from them roaring.

Apparently, they really did pass through the expected way. They don't seem to notice us either.

We are patiently waiting for a good timing to launch our attack. The marching Orcs are vulnerable to us right now, but they still have a very long formation towards the back. We should start preparing our spells soon.

Ellie slowly raised her hand and lowered it. That's a sign for us to start chanting.

We start chanting in order. And all the 4 magics are invoked in the same time.

A roar reverberates in the forest, a storm of wind and ice rolls up, and the trees collapse.

Some of animals survived the attack, and they can be seen scampering around. Unfortunately, the forest trees received the full blunt.

We slowly finish off the survivor with magic attack. Even the arrows shot by Sati and Alvin party are finishing off many Orcs too.

The rest of survivors finally realized our location. They raised a loud howl and tried to charge toward us.

The Orcs from the back side of the group are not included inside the magic explosion, and many of them survived the attack. I crouch and let the Golem stand at the front. But it seems that is not necessary. Ellie's wind magic managed to split up the Orcs.

Did it end?

Looking around, I saw an Orc with a large axe coming towards me.

Too close. It managed to get close to me without me noticing.

I moved the Golem so that it block the approaching Orc. Already aware with the approaching Orcs, Alvin take up his sword and followed closely behind the Golem.

The Golem finally stand in front of the Orc.

Controlling the Golem, I tried to hit the Orc, but it managed to dodge the attack. Instead, it launches a counterattack at the Golem torso.

However, the Golem is an entity without life. A little scratch won't stop it. Raising up the other hand, I tried to launch the second attack. But just like before, the Orc simply brushes it off as if nothing.

Its agility is immensely different from the other Orcs that I've encountered before. And then, the Orc swept the axe it's holding vertically, and torn my Golem apart.

This time, the damage it received is fatal enough that it is now turned back into earth.

Still, the time bought by the Golem is more than enough. Someone shot an arrow to the Orc shoulder, and my Fire Lance managed to hit its torso.

"Did we get him!?"

However, the Orc, seemingly unamused sprint forward and blow Alvin away with its axe.

The Orc turns to me who is the closest to it right now, and start his barrage of attack.

It closes the distance between us instantly.

Crap, this guy is hella fast!

It has a larger body compared to the other Orcs, and it is holding an axe as big as his body as a weapon. Although it torso should have taken a direct hit from my Fire Lance, there seems to be nothing more than a brown scratch left. Several arrows already stuck on its body, but it seems to not mind it and start swinging its axe.

"Air Hammer!!"

The air bomb directly hit its torso.

Receiving it full blunt, the Orc staggered for a moment, but then he continues to swing around his axe.

I parry its attack with my sword, and dodge sideways.

I aimed for its arm, but it managed to dodge it by pulling back its waist. The cut that I landed is too shallow.

The Orc sidestep and throw a punch with its huge fist as a counterattack. It can attack from over the edge of my sword, it has a long reach indeed.

Dangerous!? That one is really close.....

I managed to block the Orc's fist with my shield, but as per repercussion I was blown away and hit my back at the tree. I can't stand up, as I feel that my consciousness is slowly fading...

Right now, there is a huge Orc in front of me.

That guy has a large axe.

To avoid his large fist, I was sent flying while shielding myself. The impact that I received when I banged the tree is still there, rendering me unable to move. This is bad. If this continue, then I might die.....



But the Orc in front of me, while holding its axe, blood start spurring out from its neck and it's collapsed.

"Masaru sama!"

Sati stood beside the fallen Orcs, her hand is holding the bloodied sword.

"It's Sati.....I'm saved..."

Sati supported me who is about to fall again.

“The enemy?”

“Some of them managed to escape. This guy is the last one.”

I take a look at the fallen Orc. Its head is clearly severed.

Golem, they really are not that much useful. I wobble my head while thinking such thing.

It is useful to buy us some time, but that is the extent of its usefulness. Rather than trying to control the Golem, it is better to just cast some magic. Even with level 3 explosive magic, this guy can be easily get destroyed.

But if that is the case, then won't the time bought up by the Golem be gone.....

“Are you okay, Masaru?”

Ellie is now here too. By the way, my back which had bumped with the tree is hurting and my arms now feels numb.

Ah, Alvin! Is he okay!?

Looking around I saw Ann is at his side. He can raise his body halfway. I'm glad that he is alright.

I'm glad. I thought I'm going to die for a moment there. Since Ann is looking this way, I waved my hand to show that I'm okay.

“Here, I'm going to heal you.”

My head slowly getting clear after Ellie has healed me. The fatigue finally hit home, and I fall on my butt.

“This guy, he must be the upper echelons of his species.”

“I wonder if this is the one they called the Orc King.”

“He is goddamn strong. The Golem was cleaved through by him in seconds.”

“As expected, the Golem is not suitable after all.....”

That might be the case. Golem has power, but it has no speed. It couldn't cope with the Orc King speed at all.

“Let’s collect the carcasses for the time being.”

“I’m going to get them all, so Masaru take a rest. Got it?”

“Okay.”

Sati gives a worried glance from my side.

“Thank you, Sati. My life will be lost if not for you. Anybody else injured?”

“No, except for Masaru sama everyone is fine.”

Like this, isn’t it just me who always get injured every time? Sure, this is better than my wives getting injured instead, but maybe I should revised my battle tactics after this.....

## Chapter 11: Camp

“The battle just now, I wondered what will be happen if my party had encountered it first.”

While Alvin is riding at the back of the Golem – he starts a conversation with me. Although he has been healed by Ann, it’s still necessary for him to take a rest due to his severe injury. That’s why he is getting transported by a Golem now.

“That might be the case.”

That is the most probable case. Alvin face gets blue just thinking about it.

The Orc King has over 70 minions under him. Meanwhile he is just a D rank party with 4 people.

Let say if the Orc King group did return to their settlement, maybe we can just finish them off in one fell swoop. But, the risk involved might be higher. That Orc has a speed faster than any of us when retreating.

And that is if we don’t have any baggage.

“Our rank might have increased, but there is nothing to shout about. We are still not at the entrance of the forests yet. I’m just lucky to know that we’re still alive. But, the reward is not bad, and it is comfortable to ride at the Golem’s back.”

Originally, they group is just E rank. During the defensive battle at the fortress, they rank up to D. For now, I decided to split up the Orc into 7:3 ratio, excluding the part that is recorded in the Guild Card.

The Orc King is under ours. Since he is in upper level, we might be able to sell him for higher price.

After the fight, no other monsters appeared. This is what happening each time we encountered a big nest. Perhaps the Orcs already taken care of it on the way they go back.

We found a squared empty place and we decided to take a breather and eat.

Their menu is fairly simple, as in a bread with a dried meat. As for me I skewered the rabbit and grilled it with some seasoning.

“Thank you. It’s help a lot that you are capable of Space Magic.”

Alvin says that when he saw that I’m taking out lots of stuff from my Item Box. Alvin is capable of elementary Fire Magic. His sister is capable of using basic Water Magic. I don’t have any problem with water, but normally people need to carry out a supplies and water, and after that the spoils too. Ordinary adventurers really have it hard.

“By the way, I really want to say this, that your party is full with girls.”

He silently went to me, and asked. Although my wives are eating at the other side, maybe he just wants to be vigilant.

It seems that together with his sister, everyone came from the same village.

Olba san and Lazard san too originated from the same village. I wonder if this is common for other party.

“After past certain age, people from the village will enter the village post and start training. I want to become part of the guard for the village. That’s why at that time I applied for a guard post.”

I see. It sure is easier if you are used to some degree before becoming an adventurer.

So, what is it actually? Alvin nudged me to continue.

“All 4 of them are my wives.”

This is quite an embarrassing thing to say.

“All 4 of them?”

He turns to look at Sati while saying that. Although this world allows polygamy, it is still 4 wives. Plus, all of them are in the same party as me.

“That’s right. All 4.”

“That is awesome. How can you be in love with 4 different persons?”

“Many thing happens. It’s a long story.”

“Excuse me, how old are you?”

“23.”

“I’m 21 years old. I thought you are younger than that. You’re on even higher ranking, am I being too rude?”

Yeah, I can understand why you thought that I’m younger. I’m short, and I’m baby faced too.

“There is not much difference in our age, and it will sound weird if you suddenly change now.”

“Really? Then I’ll just keep it this way!”

“By the way, your little sister is with the other guys. Are you sure you don’t want to stay over there?”

Alvin sister is eating lunch with the other 2, they seem to be in a good term.

“I don’t want to disturb them. It is painful to stay there.”

As a leader, also as an elder brother, although it should be a good thing, but looking them all lovey-dovey like that is painful.

“Re-really. You are having it rough too.”

Which one does she actually date? I wonder if there is such thing about reverse harem.

Although it sounds amusing to me, talking about it must be embarrassing for him.

In the afternoon, we have 3 more encounters with the demon. But since they move alone or in small group, it went without a hassle.

After the sun finally set, we decided to secure a safe place to camp.

This is the first time we ever camping outside as a party.

“How about that place?”

“I don’t know, it sure looks like a nice place.”

I need to make sure that the place is comfortable for 5 persons. I tried to suggest a temporary basement room, but it was denied by Ellie. She said that it

is important to get used with ordinary camping.

I start imaging and start chanting. The earth wall gradually forms a hemispherical shape according to the casting, and the dome is completed. The entrance is small, just enough for people to crawl into. For the time being, I didn't make the wall too thick.

Ellie and Tilika slowly crawl inside.

"How is it?"

I take a peek inside and asked.

"It's quite small, but we can sleep just fine."

Since they approved it, I'm going to reinforce it a bit more. This place shouldn't be destroyed by a few attacks.

"Alvin, are you fine with the same design?"

"Yes. But won't it be bad for you?"

"Drop it. There is no need to worry because I still have surplus magic power."

We killed the Orc King together! It is my mistake that you get severely injured by the Orc King. If we are really unlucky then you might have been dead.

I also create the Kamakura for Alvin.

"Is it okay for you to use that much magic power? You already use much of it when we were having a battle earlier, plus the Golem too....."

"I can still do much more. Don't worry."

He is surprised that I'm a high rank mage with much magical power, but I think it is helpful.

Alvin's younger sister help Ann and Sati preparing the meal. The menu is the Orc meat baked with bread. Recently, I don't care less about eating demons' meat anymore. Might be because I'm used to eat it already.

After dinner, we decided the turn for the watch. It was decided that 2 people must be on watch duty each time.

"Me and Sati is enough. Other people just sleep tight."

“I hope Tilika can rest today.”

“That’s right. Tilika can take it off today.”

Although Tilika is the second oldest among us, somehow, she is being treated as if she is a child.

I don’t know if they are worried that she might be weak physically, or that she looks just too young, but it is clear that everyone wants her to take a rest.

“I’m doing it.”

Because Tilika insists it, we all take a draw using the pieces of woods, and as the result only Ann will be taking full rest.

The first watch team is Sati and Tilika.

“Then, careful. As soon as something happen, wake us up fast.”

“Yes, good night, Masaru sama.”

“Don’t fall asleep halfway your duty, Tilika.”

“I won’t!”

Tilika who is usually expressionless suddenly indignantly say it.

“I’m joking. Then we are going to sleep first.”

I am a little worried, but if Satie is there, it would be fine.

Just in case, I’ll leave two 5-meter Golem within the magical lighting area. Although it can be said that the monsters might likely less attacking if the place is light up in fire, but being in illuminated area is still not good. Still, this should decrease the probability of getting attacked.

I thought about letting Taiga out, but it will be troublesome if he were to be seen. Well, when the time is right then we will call him out.

“Hey, is the guy we fought earlier is really Orc King? That guy is certainly strong.”

Taking a cover inside the Kamakura, covered in blanket, we talked about it before sleep. It is not so cold outside, but it is hard to sleep covered in rug only.

“That guy must be the Orc King. It’s already hard enough to 1v1 him. With his

dexterity, he can be as annoying opponent as the Dragon.”

He is as fast as the wind, and our magic do little to no damage too.

Level 2 or above magic can do some damage, but its strong armour like skin is not penetrable.

Both its speed and power is way above our league, and it also has a weapon that can cut through bone.

Now that I’ve known his power to some extent, even I doubt that I’m capable of taking him head on.

“That guy was gravely injured too. If the Heal was delayed then he might have died.”

Alvin.....his injury really was severe as I expected? But he looks normal during meal time just now.

“Is that a grumbling noise just now?”

“No need to think hard about it. Even if you worried too much it’s not like we will encounter that type anytime soon.”

Ellie raise another flag again. Thinking that there is still possibility that we might encountered such demon again, we need to resolute ourselves. I have to take some precautions.

“Hey, let’s get to sleep already. It is our turn to watch after this.”

“Okay. Good night, everyone.”

Before going to bed, I check my menu first. It seems that I levelled up by one, and following that I raised my Swordsmanship to level 5. Like this I can sleep soundly.

“Masaru, everyone, wake up.”

I wake up due to Tilika shaking up my body.

“Onee chan said something is approaching.”

“Understood.”

Since I sleep with my armour on, I immediately go out and brandished my

sword.

It is bright outside the Kamakura due to the Magic Lighting. I activate the Presence Detection and I caught up 5 signals. The distance is still quite far.

“What is it?”

I asked Sati, but she just shakes her head. Now even Alvin is out from his Kamakura.

“Is there something?”

“Yea. It seems that they are getting closer to here slowly.”

“It’s better if they didn’t come here at all, to be honest.”

While watching towards the depth of the forest, Alvin muttered his thought.

“Are you going to move the Golems?”

Ellie who just came out of the Kamakura said while yawning.

“Right. We can just finish them off.”

I moved the Golems toward the direction where I picked up the reading. Are 5 meters too big? It is hard to get through the trees. I forcefully proceed while snapping the branches.

Contrary to my expectation, that produced a good result. The five reactions that I picked up quickly moved away. After moving the Golem some more, I turn back while making noises again.

“Looks like they went somewhere else.”

“Yea. Since there are more than one, it might be a pack of forest’s wolf.”

It is powerful demonic wolves that hunt in a pack actively during night. It has large physique, and can be as huge as 3 meters. Although they only appeared during night-time, they are the type to hide and quietly approach and attack their preys. Frightening.

Last time, I wonder what is so dangerous about the forest at night. Now, I wish I’ve known about it earlier.

After making sure that the demon is outside my detection parameter, we all

gathered at the bonfire.

“It’s still quite early, but I guess we can switch now. Sati and Tilika go get a rest.”

Sati still looks fine, but Tilika looks pretty sleepy.

“Yes. Tilika chan, let’s go.”

After making sure that Sati and Tilika get inside the Kamakura, I look around a bit. Only small animals were caught in my detection. There is no danger presence. I return to the bonfire and report about it.

“How do you know?”

Alvin asked. Yeah, that is a good question. I don’t have a sensitive ear like a beast man. That’s why even though I said it with confidence, it will remain doubtful.

“Sign, or something like that.”

“Sign...?”

“Right, sign. Um, just wait.....there is something there.”

When I looks for any sign at the surrounding, I noticed there is something at the back of the Kamakura, moving a little. I killed my presence and slowly moves toward the target.

It is a snake. I take out a knife, and launch an attack. I slice it at its head, and it is not moving anymore.

When I take the snake’s head and show it to Alvin, he looks quite surprised.

“Now you get it.”

According to Alvin, this snake can be eaten. Because it is not a poisonous kind, each time he found it, he will catch it. Since I don’t know how to cook it, I lend it over to Alvin. He handled it cleanly, shook salt on it and grilled it on fire.

I never eat a snake before, but since I came to this world I have tried many things, so I just gnawed it.

It tastes oddly crisp, but since it was burn nicely, it doesn’t taste too bad.

Ellie didn't say anything either, and silently eating it.

"Thanks for the food. Sometimes this kind of stuff is good too."

"Right. I never thought that this thing can be eat."

"You need to be more grateful, Masaru. It's not like we have access to food 24/7 during journey."

"Have you ever had it before?"

"It is not a problem, you know~? It's just a mental attitude stuff."

Aren't you!

Well Ellie did have an Item Box. Then something was caught in my detection.

"Nrgh. Something is coming. It is alone, but it is quite big."

While thinking about a comeback for Ellie, I detected something approaching.

"It is alone, want to hunt it down?"

"I'll check it over for a while, Alvin!"

I tell Alvin who is about to call everyone up. There is still quite some times before morning, but I don't think that I'll get bored.

After that, there are 3 more raids before the sun rise. Although the first one ran away, the following one don't. The second one is a huge moth. I burnt it out by using a Fire Magic, but Ellie got angry with me.

Seems like its wing is some kind of material.

But listen to me first. A 1-meter or over Moth will be attracted here.

Even after getting shot by the fire arrow, it still struggles a lot. It can't be helped if it gets burnt completely.

The black leopard is a good hunter, lurking within the darkness. However, faced with my detection skill, there is no escape for him. Not only that, it's black shiny fur is popular too. Unlike the common one, this black leopard is much bigger than the one on Earth. If it were to launch a surprise attack on night time, then there is no doubt that many people can't handle it.

Alvin has a blue face when he looks at it. He really is a dangerous demon.

While looking upward, Alvin said that the sky is gradually turning bright.

“Hey, is it okay for us to be on this watch duty?”

“Yes. But well, you did have more people in your party, aren’t you?”

“But we are not helpful at all.....”

“I don’t do much too. We all depended on Masaru. That’s why don’t think too much about it, okay?”

“The Stealthy Step is a good way to defeat an opponent silently. Just like the night hunter, hahahaha.”

Night Hunter is what people refer to black leopard. It is certainly frightening, but it is not a dangerous enemy to me.

“Good grief. I really don’t know what Masaru want to be actually. Perhaps, you want to be an assassin?”

“I want to be a great Mage though.....”

“That’s it. I’m going to be a great Mage too, so that I can defeat the Orc King.”

“Eh~ but that guy is super strong. Don’t you think so, Alvin?”

“It is quite impossible to defeat it alone, I think...”

“Just take a look at our situation. What are the most dangerous moment during a fight? It is during approaching the enemy. In other word, you need to increase your melee combat skill more than your magic. Just take a look at Sati. Although I’m the one to attack the Orc King, I’m not injured. That is because it is aiming at Masaru.”

I’m not trying to think about it, but you are going to open the topic, huh. But me acting as a vanguard is too scary to think off.

“I don’t have the confidence to be a vanguard. To be honest, I’m too scared. I just want to continue shooting magic from behind.”

“You are scared of Orc?”

“I’m not scared of Orc.”

Not like before, now an Orc is a small fry to me.

“Well then, Harpy?”

“Not too scared with them, surprisingly.”

Harpy usually are in large number, and I think that I was able to cope well last time.

“Then, the Orc King?”

“I’m scared a bit, but the next time I’m going to take it down.”

Just to be on the safe side, I already raised my Swordsmanship to level 5. It should be okay next time.

“Then what is it that you are afraid of, duh?”

Oh? I’m not scared of anything, huh? Then what on Earth am I so scared for...?

“It’s the Orc. Orc is scary, supposedly. That’s why I’m going to stick on being a magician.....”

That’s right. When I went inside the forest for the first time, I thought that being a vanguard is totally impossible when I saw more than one Orc came out. However, with my current capability, it’s going to be okay even if there are 5 or 6 Orcs.

“So, you can handle the Orcs now?”

“Yeah. It is not as scary anymore now that I think about it. But I’m going to pass it if you ask me to tank the Dragon.”

“It is easier if everyone were to take it down together. But won’t it be too easy then?”

“Right. I’m sure it will be easier.”

I don’t know how I will look, but I’ll most probably cry if it was me when I was just summoned. Our party’s offensive power is truly amazing.

“Easy win against a Dragon?”

“Yeah. In the end, it is just a big lizard that is spewing fire.”

I see, there is no particular problem on being a vanguard. Even though we can

still launch a magical attack as a first strike, we still need to consider a melee combat as a finisher without using any magic.

“Ellie is so smart.”

“Wh-what are you saying now. This much is just normal!”

I can treat the Swordsmanship skill as something that I used to only protect myself anymore. From now on I need to use it to strike the enemy offensively.

I’ve been skipping lots of training lately. When we come back, I need to join the training with Sergeant dono.

“I’m hungry. Let’s wake up everyone else and have breakfast.”

“Right. I’ve eaten the snake only, now I’m hungry as well.”

“You’ve been eating, snakes?”

For a while now, Tilika has her head out of the Kamakura.

“Yea. But it is not that tasty, wasn’t it?”

“Not fair. I want to eat it too.”

“Yes, yes. Masaru, get it for her later, okay?”

“When we are moving then.”

“Can’t wait for the snake.”

Is it that good till you can’t wait for it?

With that in mind, I take out the ingredient from my Item Box and start preparing breakfast.

## Chapter 12: One More Time

After we passed through the forest, we are having lunch at the meadow.

If we keep on walking through the meadow, then we might reach the fortress by sunset even if we walk slowly.

“Is the snake delicious?”

I ask Tilika who is biting the freshly grilled snake.

“.....Yes.”

Quite a vague answer. Well, I know how she is feeling. It is certainly not bad, but it is not that good either.

“No need to catch snakes anymore. I’m sure that Tilika has it enough.”

Eli said while eating the grilled Orc meat.

“Yes. Thank you, Masaru.”

“You’re welcome.”

As for myself I’m more concerned about the Wild Rabbit than the snake. I got some reaction which I think is them a while ago.

“Are you perhaps want to eat some rabbit meat?”

“Isn’t there still lots of them inside the Item Box?”

“That’s true...”

While we were moving just now, I thought about going sideways and hunt for a bit. But then the Golem speed is reduced. I thought that I have the complete control, but actually even the principle of Golem creation is unknown to me. For me, magic is exactly like programming. We don’t know what’s wrong with it, and we don’t know how it is suddenly fixed.

Ellie might have taught me, but I still don’t know its exact mechanism.

“It would be great if there is more option to tweak the Golem.”

If I can make it fully autonomous, then it will be easier to hunt the Wild

Rabbit.

“Golem is quite useful.”

Tilika said with serious face.

Most of the time we are dependent on Tilika's Drago, which I'm thankful for. But that is burdening to her. The Golem might be of no use sometimes, but overall it is still pretty useful.

“Surely. But don't you think you are depending on it too much?”

“That's right. Don't get distracted by the Wild Rabbit, concentrate more on your Golem operating please. I want to reach the fortress as soon as possible.”

Shit. So, it's decided then. I have not been hunting for one week now. I don't mind living in the forest or the basement, but if I detected some Wild Rabbits nearby me, then there is no way my blood won't boil.

“I feel bad somehow. I can walk, if you want.”

We are totally absorbed with our conversion. I totally forgot that Alvin is here.

“No, no. Alvin still need to rest, no need to walk, just get at the back of the Golem.”

“That's right. I'm responsible for your injuries. I'm sure right now you're not completely healed yet, right? To be honest, it's better if you didn't join us yesterday night also.”

“I won't feel good if I just simply rest only. Plus the watch duty is easy.”

“You still need to rest about a week or so. Understood?”

“Yes, Angela san.”

“Then, let's get moving now. I want to reach the fortress fast!”

Ellie shout to urges us moving. Suddenly, I notice that my Item Box is already full. Like this, isn't it better if I went hunting while everyone was taking breaks just now!?

“Actually, I like to hunt the Wild Rabbit.....maybe they are still sleeping now. But that doesn't mean that this area is safe. Please be wary, everyone.”

When we are taking a rest next time I'll ask Ellie if I'm allowed to hunt some Wild Rabbit.

We just take a short break afterwards, and hasten our pace. Everyone want to reach Gorbas Fortress as soon as possible before the sun is set.

I return the Golem back to earth and entered the main gate with Alvin. Since it's the front gate there are lots of another passer-by too. Alvin seems to be acquainted with the gatekeeper and the other people. As for us, we show our cards and get inside without any difficulties.

For the time being, both me and Alvin go to the Guild and sells our loots. Both of us were out of breath since the amount that we receive is amazingly high. I have lots of loots inside my Item Box, and the number recorded in our cards are massive.

If we are to report at the guild here, then it is no doubt that it would become a fuss. I've decided to make the report directly to the Vice Guild Leader after I return to the Siory town instead of normal procedure here.

"What's your plan after this?"

After waiting for Alvin to finish his loots exchange, I asked him.

"I'm not sure yet. Though, I'm going to take rehabilitation for a while."

There is something that I would like to discuss before we reach the fort, but there is not much opportunity. There is also chance that he will ask me something, and I can still ask him end of today or tomorrow.

"I'm going to be around the Guild Dormitory. If you are free, then I hope you can pay a visit. Since it is spring now we can have Sake together."

Their party is going to be inactive for a while since Alvin need to rest. Besides, the reward they received from defeating the Orcs is bountiful. They need to discuss about their future plan as well.

After spending 2 days with us, they were looking for a place to stay. But I better not recommend the same place as our party. Now that I think about it, it feels special partying with them.

"Well then, take care, Alvin. If I have times I will surely come and visit you."

After giving farewell to Alvin, I leave the Adventure Guild and go to the room which was proposed by Ellie. Although the room is not high class due to here being a frontier fort, it is huge enough to accommodate five of us comfortably and it has a bath too.

There are no baths in the guild-managed dormitory, plus the rooms are small and the walls are thin. It is a very welcoming facility for adventurers who don't have money, but it will not be suitable for our current party.

"I'm going to take it easy today, but what are we going to do tomorrow?"

"Honestly there is no way we can suddenly move after resting today. Maybe we should take it off tomorrow too."

Ellie who is the most experienced among us will usually give her opinion during times like these. Most of the time what she said is right, making her opinion more valid.

"The subjugation reward will be collected once we arrived back at town. But what about our preys?"

"I can't sell it here. There is too many, I'm afraid nobody is going to buy it."

Since the town is near to the border, they have over supply of meat. That's why it is hard to sell this stuff over here.

"Alright, when we come back to the town then."

"We might come to the royal city someday. Can't we sell it higher over there?"

"But my Item Box is not boundless you know."

Actually, the other day I tried to store large amount of stone inside, but suddenly it won't enter anymore.

That makes me flustered, but I immediately know the reason.

It is the capacity limit. It is not limited by numbers. Seems like it is limited by weight.

At first, I thought that my Item Box is unlimited, turns out there is limitation.

Because of that, I throw away most of the rocks. Because I felt dissatisfied

somehow, I put it into some specific arrangements. The end result looks like Stonehenge, where there are more than 50 rocks stack together.

It will not be blown away by strong wind because I created the foundation under the structure. A mysterious ruin within the forest. Romantic!

“There should still be some empty space left right.”

“But the rocks.....”

“Just throw that away, I tell you. You can get as many rocks anywhere on this Earth.”

“No way, that is not good! The rocks are super useful!”

Not only can it be used as some sort of shield, it can be used as weapon too. It is a versatile thing that is very useful in battle.

Throwing away all of it is ridiculous!

“I won’t ask you to throw all of it at once. Just that if you really need it then you can just dig it out at that time, right?”

“There’s no need for you to tell me that.”

The actual problem is when I have x99 rocks it becomes too heavy.

If I were to release some of it, then it is possible to put all the loots and others all at once. But it feels kind of a waste. I already standardized it so that it has uniform size and weight after all!

“Why Masaru like to stick into weirds things, like Wild Rabbit and rocks.....”

Ellie sighed. I’m attached to both of it, you know! I have a proper reason!

If it is about these two, I can talk about even for an hour, but I endured it because I felt like it will be a useless squabble.

“Only when the Item Box is filled with the loots then I’ll throw away the rocks.”

“That is a given!”

Ellie lost her temper.

Like this I’ll try to discuss with Itō kami using my diary. I want to request to

increase my Item Box capacity by using the point system. This way I can put more rocks and even larger rocks.

If I were to release all the rocks from a super high altitude, then it would be a simple task even if I were to eliminate a town.

This is a great idea! Even if it is the Demon King Castle, if I know the location, then it is easy to stir up the place up and down. However, it is impossible to do this with my current Item Box capacity though.

“What if you use your detection skills inside the Demon King Castle? You can do whatever you want without going up on the sky. Even if you manage to drop it safely, they can escape it by using Levitation, or simply cast some magic to deflect all of it. It is too naïve to think that you can defeat them by simply dropping the rocks. Too naïve!”

“Alright, that’s enough, Masaru and Ellie. Now we need to discuss on what to do from tomorrow onward.”

Ann stopped Ellie from talking more about Demon King strength.

“Right. You’re correct. Umm?”

Ellie tilted her head looking at us.

“Maybe we should just use the Gate and return back home.”

“I agree.”

I insisted, and Ann quickly agreed with me. I think we were working too hard for this past week. That’s why a good rest is needed. Furthermore, I want to attend Sergeant dono sword class and quickly return back to the town too.

“No, we can’t use the gate. It’ll be unnatural if we were to return now since the timing doesn’t add up. More importantly we should go back through the forest again! Let’s go back to the town through the forest by another route this time.”

“I’m okay with that. I want to increase my level.”

Looks like Ellie and Tilika want to gain more experience. Unusually, both of them have same opinion this time.

“If the gate is no good then we can still take a carriage service to return back to town.”

The town is in the middle of the road between this fort and the Kingdom. We should have no problem to catch the carriage.

“What do you think is the best, Sati?”

“Umm.....”

She seems to be lost either to support me or Tilika. She keeps on looking between us.

“Even though we are entering the forest again, but we are still going back home every day. We should strengthen our party more. Not only that, we are lacking in money too.”

“Even if you want to practice magic, we can do it slowly at home. Besides, aren’t you still practicing cooking, Ellie?”

“I can cook fried chicken and pudding already you know.”

“And that’s all.”

Yes, that’s the only thing she is capable of. There is absolutely no progress on other dishes. At first, she practices cooking because I asked her to, but after she is able to cook this two, she becomes totally satisfied.

Since then, she completely stopped cooking altogether. Though, there is no way we can use fire inside our basement.

“Well you see, that. There is no way we can cook inside the basement.”

“There is no problem if you practice your knives skills inside the basement. Well then how about this, Ellie will continue practicing her cooking skill properly, and we will go through the forest to get back home.”

“I-I got it. I’ll return back to practice cooking.....”

This is a win-win situation for both Ellie and me so far, but do Ellie hate cooking that much?

“So, do you agree, Masaru?”

“Yeah, no problem. I also want to gain experience points.”

Battle will be much easier if everyone has increase their physical strength. I want to take the days off, but there is no choice.

“It’s decided then. Now, when we reach back home you will do exactly what you promised, right, Ellie. Understood?”

“Uhh...I understand...”

I wonder why she is reluctant to learn cooking so much. Even though she managed to cook the fried chicken and pudding just fine.

“Well then I’ll start preparing dinner. Masaru go take a bath first.”

“Roger~”

“This really unfit human behaviour. It is not necessary for us to learn how to prepare all kind of dishes others than the one we want.”

Ellie said once Ann has gone out. However, it is widely recognized in this world that the female main work is to stay at home and work in the kitchen. That’s why Ellie remark about not needing to practice all type of cooking is a weak argument.

“Giving up halfway is bad you know.”

“Elizabeth sama, I’ll help you, so let’s give it our best.”

“Taiga, can I summon it now?”

Tilika seems not willing to help.

“Yes, just make sure it is not visible from the entrance. Maybe behind the bed.”

“Alright.”

I go outside at the entrance to watch out while Tilika go behind the bed to summon Taiga.

“Nobody is around so it is okay.”

It just takes an instant to summon it, so there is no danger of us getting exposed. Tilika sit on the floor while leaning her back at Taiga.

Ellie also comes towards Taiga and clung to it.

“Alright, I’m going to do my best. I’ll level up my cooking skill. That’s way Ann will be convinced.”

Ellie said while patting Taiga.

“I’m also just level 1.”

Tilika also said that.

“That’s right. If Tilika is able to do it, then there is no way I can’t. It is possible. I can do it.”

“Right. I’ll be happy if you can do it.”

Not to say that to get level 1 is easy as long one is decent.

I leave Ellie who is still mumbling and go take a bath. Ann returns back to room once I’m done.

“They should be ready soon. Let’s eat in the room.”

“I’m hungry, I love you.”

“I already ordered lots of it, so you guys can eat plenty.”

“Yes!”

The system where we are able to order food is really amazing.

I wonder if this is the reason why Ellie is reluctant to learn cooking. Since she is originally a noble and just recently becomes an adventurer, maybe that amplifies to her reluctantly to learn cooking. In spite of that, she still knows how to deep fry and make a pudding.

“Ellie, to tell you the truth, there is actually different way to cook fried chicken. The taste is also different.”

Of course, there are countless recipes for fried chicken. The method varies from the one using the wheat to lightly coated the chicken to a technique to uniformly fries all the sides for a long time. Just that I only teach her one method since it is her favourite.

“No kidding!?”

Ellie who is still clinging to Taiga immediately jump up.

“Do you want to know?”

“Yes!”

“Increase your cooking to level 1 first. After that I promise to teach you.”

“I’ll do it! I’ll do it, definitely! Level 1 cooking skill for new fried chicken!”

As expected it is much easier if I baited her to do it. But isn’t this too easy, Ellie?

Anyways, for the time being, I managed to motivate Ellie. All well that ends well.

## Chapter 13: In the end, get chased by the cows

Since I was tired guarding all night the night before, I sleep all the way to the noon next day and miss the breakfast.

Although I had plenty of dinner last night, I still get hungry now and join them for lunch.

Ann, Sati and Tilika took a walk together.

And now Ellie is here, starving together with me.

“Is there anything interesting happening today?”

I asked while waiting for all 3 of them to come back.

“The inner wall has been completely repaired. I’ve also seen that the 3<sup>rd</sup> wall has start construction.”

“There are opening many stalls at the street, nothing unusual.”

For the time being, everyone seems to enjoy it.

“What did you do prior to afternoon?”

After we finished eating our lunch, I asked her while we’re chatting.

“I went and see the thing that I want, after that I went back home to rest. I also went to give my greetings at the shrine. Masaru should go to after this. The bishop wants to meet you.”

“Got it.”

If I go to the shrine now, then they might shove me somethings troublesome. Still, I better go, since if I didn’t then some other inconvenient things might pop up. I’ll only be staying here for one more days only too.

“I’m going back to my room. Let’s take a bath, Sati.”

“Yes, Elizabeth sama.”

“I’m going to the meadow.”

Everyone is fussy about bath, but for me I can take it anytime I want.

During our defensive battle previously, I've never have any opportunity to hunt at this are grassland. The Wild Rabbit in this are looks plentiful and healthier too, what a waste.

"I'm going together with Masaru."

Tilika told us.

"Are you going to catch snakes again?"

"I heard that the Great Buffalo occasionally appears at this grassland area."

Tilika gulped, saying that their meats are extremely delicious, even though it is very hard to procure. That's why she is going to have a try.

"Eh, then that's cool. We'll definitely get some if we found them."

Since it has a 'Great' in his name, it's size should be quite large. I wonder where they are grazing.

Alright, it's been a while since we have a grilled meat. Plus, this time, it's a beef!

"Alrighty, just leave it to me."

"Please be careful. Though the subjugation team has done very well in their job, there might be some Demons left."

Ann worriedly said.

"He is together with Tilika, so it should be okay."

"I'll protect Masaru with all my might."

On some occasion, there are many situations that I might need protection.

"That's true. Then, do your best hunting."

Whether they're or not satisfied with the answer, I don't know.

The Wild Rabbit hunting went smoothly, and when I'm walking with good mood through the grassland, a report from Tilika came.

"It's here."

Seems like she has found the Great Buffalo, even though it is just a feedback from her reconnaissance.

Since there is quite some distance before we reach our destination, we wait for Hawk while walking leisurely. She's going to switch to Taiga and we're going to ride on it.

Since there are only 2 of us, we can go at full speed. If I detect someone, then we still have some time to get off. Even if we are seen, it's probably gonna be fine since it's Taiga.

After Hawk's return, Tilika summoned Taiga out and our ride started.

Oooooooo, this is more than I anticipated!?

Its serious speed is faster than what I imagined.

Because it is close to the ground, I feel it faster than the actual speed.

Tilika is grabbing him by its neck, while I'm holding on his waists and tightly grabbed its fur. If I let go of it then surely it wouldn't be good.

"Hurry up, Taiga."

Tilika instructed Taiga to be faster.

Hey, why are you in such a hurry? Life is about relaxing.....but when I tried to say it, I nearly bit my tongue.

"There are still some distances left. Hurry up."

The speed doesn't seem to be slowing down anytime soon.

After the herd of Great Buffalo appeared on our sight, the roller coaster like ride finally ends. After enduring it for long time, I finally can catch my breath again.

"I can't do it anymore. Tilika, I left everything to you."

I lay down on the ground spread out, and told Tilika so.

"Sure? Then I'm going to call Drago."

"Ah, my mistake. I'll do it. Please let me do it."

Since we are at a grassy field, my detection can't exceed my range of vision.

Although we've not bumped on someone else yet, it wouldn't be funny if they are faced with Drago.

I observe again the herd of Great Buffalo eating.

Their number should range about 30 to 40. It's hard to tell since they're spread out eating grass.

And it's truly big. They're at least twice the size of a normal cow, and some are equipped with a fine-looking horn. I bet they are male.

According to Tilika, the Great Buffalo is a warm and friendly animal. But once they are provoked, they are going to unleash a rush attack with their large body. Plus, they're attacking in flock.

If I were to use Meteor, then it's a simple task to eliminate all of them at once. But it would defeat the purposes since we're collecting their meat.

If I were to use a normal magic, then it'll turn to the worst once there are few left and all of them gang up on me.

When push comes to shove, I can just fly and run away. But they look like they are fast on their feet, so it might still be dangerous.

"Maybe I should attack them from on top by using Levitation."

Tilika gulped. Cows can't fly on the sky, so it should be an easy victory.

I decided to take it down with a bow. Although I can use magic, occasionally, I still want to use my bow. My archery skill is quite good too.

I pulled out the bow and get it ready. It's been a long time since I've last use it, but my archery skill is level 3. This time, I'm going to shoot it from above, so it shouldn't be a problem even if we're on actual combat.

Together with Tilika, we slowly approach them from the sky.

The closer we get to them, the scarier it got. It's an instant death if we fall on them.

There's no way I'll fall since my magic control is perfect, but I really wish that we can just do it from afar. I'll love to use Golem, but they're too slow. If I were to escape, there is no way they can catch up.

"Which one should we target?"

After we arrived on top of the flock, I asked Tilika. The cows still don't notice

us up here.

“That one. It looks quite good.”

“That one, you mean that?”

Tilika pointed at the massive Great Buffalo, who is a little further away from the flock. Its body is built with muscles with a splendid horn. Although I’m certain that this one is strong, I can’t exactly see how it can become delicious.

I’m sure that she is choosing whichever is the biggest.

That thing is certainly big and it might look tasty as well, but Tilika only eat an ordinary amount. This thing might last for months.

“Is one enough?”

If she wants quantity, then it might be better to hunt some more.

“This guy is not a demon, hunt too much and it’s not good.”

I wonder if the concept of animal welfare is different in every other world. Maybe somewhere exist a place where they will get angry if we hunt too much Wild Rabbit.

“As long we don’t agitate them, they would never attack us. Plus, they’re helping in getting rid of the demons as well.”

Does that mean that they are a beneficial animal? If they wanted to reduce the number of Orcs that has gone out at the grassland, then surely this will save them some effort. The Wild Rabbit is not a wild beast, so it’s okay to hunt as many of them. I’m relieved.

I approached our target slowly. Soon after, when our distance is only 10 meters apart, I shoot the bow.

I tried to shoot directly at its head, but the arrow bounced back. Even at this distance. W-what....?

“Its head is hard.”

The head is a cow’s main weapon. If it is so soft that an arrow stick, it will not survive in this harsh world.

After that, I ignored the other cows who are making a fuss and shoot the

arrow again and again at my target head.

Our target tries to escape, but it was blocked by the other cows that got enraged.

I'll just shoot the arrow from here.

I give it 10 more shots. Lastly, the Great Buffalo fallen.

I thought that the arrows won't work, but it's quite effective if I shoot it from a shorter distance. Just in case, I shoot some more at its exposed flanks.

With this I can confirm that I really got it.

Other cows are making a fuss around the fallen cow below.

Unexpectedly, it took me a while to deal a finishing blow to it by using bow. It's fine since there are two of us today, but I better increase my bow skill for the upcoming future.

"Tilika, can you pull up the cow using Levitation, since I'm holding you right now."

"Roger."

The dead cow gradually rises to our level.

We can see some of the other cows are triggered by the scene.

Will they try to jump?

Whatever it's, there are huge amount of them. If all of them gang up on us, then we may end up not looking like human anymore.

We safely secured the fallen cow by using Tilika magic. All the other cows are giving angry cries. Ignoring that, I stored it inside my Item Box.

"Our quest is completed. Let's go back home."

"Un. Let's eat it soon."

But, even though we're using Levitation, the cows are still going to chase after us. Like this, there is no telling when we'll be able to shake them off.

"We are going to fly. Tilika, hold on tight."

After Tilika tightly held on me, I immediately cast Fly.

After the casting is complete, I hold Tilika and start to fly away.

The ground is shaking due to a herd of cows chasing after us.

They are fast too. Even though we're flying, the distance doesn't shrink at all.

"Hey, what to do now?"

"What should I do?"

"Definitely don't blow them away alright?"

Although hunting for Great Buffalo is not prohibited whatsoever, hunting too many of them is not okay either.

If we continue to go to the fort like this, then in front of the fort will be full of angry cows. Right now, the fortress is in the middle of 3<sup>rd</sup> wall construction. If these cows were to rush in, then thing will get ugly for sure.

Then I tried to increase my altitude, in hope that I'll manage to lose them. But everything is in vain.

I tried to change courses, but they're still after me.

"Can you do it without killing every one of them?"

"No"

As expected, there is no way. This normally pacifist herbivorous animals are so angry, given that we've killed one of its mate, it can be accepted.

I tried to shoot several fire arrows on top of them, but there is no use. I can't create Golem from thin air either.

"Call Drago."

Tilika suggest. I'm left with no better solution too.



We're going to summon Drago, and threaten the cows without harming them too much.

When push comes to shove, we can get on Drago and get away. If we fly at high altitude, then there is high chance that we can shake them off.

The summoned Drago fell off for a while, but it quickly flapped its wing and

regains its altitude.

“Drago, chase away those herd of cows. But do not hurt them.”

“Understood.”

Towards the sudden appearance of the dragon, the cows that was irritated up till now suddenly get calm and stopped moving.

Drago descended gradually towards the cows, and slowly readied himself. And then, a roaring sound echoed throughout the meadow.

The cows get panicked and quickly run for their life.

“Thank you, Drago. Return.”

As soon as Tilika commanded it, Drago disappear.

After confirming that all Great Buffalo are out of sight, we descended on the ground.

“That was terrible. How do another person even catch it?”

“I don’t know. More importantly let’s go back fast, Masaru.”

“That’s right. We finally get the meat with difficulties, now is the time to feast on it.”

On a later day, we learned that it is foolish to target the whole herd. Usually, people only hunt it when they are alone. This happens if they got strayed.

After we got back at the inn, I cooked the meat, but I was dumbfounded. Yes, this meat, there is no difference between this meat and the ordinary one. I heard that it’s delicious, therefore I’m a bit disappointed, but Tilika looks satisfied. I wonder if there is something unusual.

The only reason it’s so rare is because of its high capturing difficulty. However, there are many other leftover meats around here, and they taste as good as this too, so this is nothing special. That’s why they’re not worth aiming for. What a troublesome one. I don’t think I’m going to hunt anytime soon. Maybe that’s the real reason as why this meat becomes so rare.

After we’re done hunting, we come back to the fortress gate, but it seems that there are some commotion taking place.

“Hey, you guys. Were you hunting at the meadow?”

When we’re passing through the gate, we got call out by one of the stationed soldier.

“Umm, yeah we did.”

“There was a guy running towards here saying that he saw a dragon a while ago. The dragon looks like it has disappeared somewhere, but did you guys saw anything?”

“Eh, nothing of that sort. We were just hunting for some Wild Rabbit nearby here, so...”

“We saw Great Buffalo.”

“Hou, they are rare in this area. They might be a warm animal, but careful not to get too close, little miss.”

“I know. They will chase us once they get angry.”

Tilika replied to the soldier. We’ve experienced getting chased first hand anyways. Even if he didn’t warn me, I won’t get near the cows ever again.

“Okay, you can go through.”

Fortunately, he only takes a glance at the card, so he never found out about what we hunted today.

But still, we’re seen by someone? Drago roars were considerably loud to begin with. This time we’re saved since that person only noticed Drago, not us.

After we’re done eating the Great Buffalo meat, me together with Sati dropped by at the shrine for a while. After that, I went to see Alvin, and we go drinking at the nearby bar. He was quite surprised to hear us moving out already tomorrow.

“Since the battle was so tough, we managed to gain some rank.”

“I’ve said it before, but if you need something just find us. We’re in friendly terms now after all.”

I’ve said it before, whenever we’re tired, we can just go back home, that’s why there is no sense of urgency or trouble at all. Not only that, we still can use

Golem and Item Box. I'm feeling bad now that he misunderstood thing.

But there is no way I can tell him all the truth.

## Chapter 14: Adventurer that do not come back yet

On the next day, I have a slow start and take a breakfast leisurely. I'm not particularly in hurry.

Today is the day that we are going to leave this place.

When I talked about the cows hunting yesterday, Ann got angry with me.

"You're supposed to rest for that day. Why are you still going out?"

"I thought it was going to be an easy hunt. Please forgive me."

"I'm sorry."

Together with me, Tilika apologize meekly.

We make a mistake underestimating them too much and in the end, we need to rely on Drago.

"Are you going to take a rest for one more day?"

"I'm a bit tired, but I'll be fine."

"I'm fine as well. Just as planned, we're going to leave here tomorrow."

"Really? Well, if you insist."

We can get on the Golem if there are any problem. At night, we can still return to our house cellar and have a good rest. Everything will be okay as long nothing big happen.

When we're leaving the fortress gate, the soldier approached us.

"We received an intel saying that a dragon was sighted yesterday afternoon. If there is anything, please contact us."

"Err, we got it. Let's go, everyone."

I thought that people will make a fuss if they found about it, but never did I thought that they will be this serious. Survey teams were dispatched to explore the surrounding area, and it was said that a new team are getting ready to go out too.

Honestly, I feel bad for them.

“What should we do? The situation is getting messier now.”

Ann said while we’re walking in the meadow towards the forest.

“There is nothing that can be done at this stage. If we ignore it and leave it alone, then it will die out by itself.”

“I’m sorry.”

“I’m sorry.”

For the time being, both me and Tilika can only offer our apologies. We know that this apology won’t reach the people that we’ve caused the inconvenience, but I think that from now on we’ll reflect on this matter properly.

“For the time being, please restrain from summoning Drago.”

“.....understood.”

“If you manage to rank up till A rank, then it’s fine to announce it proudly you know.”

“Is it really fine like that?”

“I can’t guarantee that everything will be fine, but at least you will leave a good track record as an adventurer.”

If she really wants to use Drago, then there is no way that she can hide it forever. That’s why a good timing to announce it is when she reaches A rank.

In this alternate world, an A rank adventurer can be associated as a hero.

They will get the backup from adventurer guild, and the influence they wield is no joke.

Even if the adventurer is a no name, the fact that they can use a rare magic like Summoning magic is already a deal breaker. Every nation or organization will let it aside as long as people is good enough.

Adventurers job are to fight monster. The whole job can be described as this sentence only.

Everything will be fine as long you have a combat prowess.

Recently, one of the country was destroyed. In this world, there is a threatening existence that is called as Demons.

Just take today situation as example. There is no telling how well they can fare without the A rank help.....

“If I’m an A rank, then will it be okay to refuse some of the job?”

Although I’m fine doing some odd jobs like being in defensive team and repairing the fortress wall, if possible I want to join the front line as well.

This is because I believe that it is a good opportunity to earn experience values.

“Of course. If you manage to rank up, then you can do whatever you want. Declining some odd jobs is a given.”

“Will the rank go up if we’re involve in mass subjugation quest?”

Currently, Ellie is B rank. Me and Sati is C rank. Ann and Tilika is E rank.

“Let’s see. At this point it’s still not enough. But if we hunted some more on the way back, then the rank will surely increase.”

However, Ellie is already a B rank. It was said that no matter how much small fries we defeated, it will be close to impossible to raise to A rank.

That’s the reason she insisted on going to the demon realm, since it’s no use to her unless she defeated a stronger foe.

“After giving it some thought, there is no need for us to rush on levelling. It can’t be helped that you can’t reach A rank. Talking about the rank, we are capable enough to reach an A rank. Let’s just take it slowly.”

But the rate on how much we’re going to go through the forest is still worrying though. We only get one day off.

“That much is still fine for me. I will never think of it as an impossible task!”

Of course, there are still room for improvement. But I want to take a break for a while. I want to tell you guys story about Japan.

Watching TV for one whole days, sometimes go online. Once in the while I’ll

go to the Konbini and read a manga.

“It won’t be funny if the snow falls you know. I do not want to hunt while the snow is falling down, do you?”

“If that’s the case then I respectfully decline.”

“That’s why we need to call off our adventuring task during winter.”

“That’s a nice idea! We can take it easy.”

“But we can still do many stuff during holidays, too right? We can practice swordsmanship and new magics.”

“Ellie can start practicing her cooking too.”

“.....having a good rest once for a while is fine I guess.”

Saying that, Erie who gazes to ask me to ask for help.

I understand your feeling, wanting to take it easy. But isn’t that your promise to practice cooking? I think it’s better if you fulfil it.

There was nothing special to mention, from the fort to the town. Only small fries are coming out. Ellie seems to be dissatisfied though a fair number has been hunted.

I’m glad that we’re capable of using the Item Box.

If I meet a group on a level like a nest again on the way, then there might be a chance that I’ll be forced to throw away my rocks again since the capacity has reached the limits.

I tried asking God Ito to increase the item box capacity, but there was no reply.

I want to stores lots of large rocks inside, that’s why I want to increase the capacity. It does sound like a small and stupid reason though. However, I’d like to continue my negotiations tenaciously on this matter.

“I wonder if we choose a wrong route.”

“We went to through the mountain road as you wish for.”

“For me this is good enough. I’m sick of fighting Harpies and Orcs again.”

I'm not injured this time. Getting experience values in moderation like this is a way to go for me.

"Just a little bit more....."

But for Ellie, she needs 10 more points to upgrade her Space Magic to level 5.

In other word, she doesn't have enough to level up.

"That is because everyone has agreed to improve Tilika and Ann level as first priority."

Because both of them has very low level, it is important to defeat any small fry that we've encountered. However, this action plan doesn't bring any benefit to Ellie at all.

We're kind of optimistic since there is a week to go through the whole forest, but till the end, we've only encountered some weak monsters. Soon enough, we're going to arrive at the town.

"I get a feeling that the level is hardly increasing after we reach the level 20 marks. In this case we don't have much choice other than to proceed steadily."

"One more time..."

"Don't want."

"Rejected. Moreover Ellie, your cooking level is horrible right now. Once we reached the town, I want you to start practicing immediately."

"I'll practice properly you know!"

"So far, you've only practiced on how to handle the kitchen knife. You're just getting better in that area; do you think it's fine like that?"

She's right. Since we can't use the fire in the cellar, there is not much choice than to practice on how to handle knife. That's the reason why only her cutting skill has improved.

Of course, she is not only capable of cutting the meats and vegetables. She is capable of peeling of the apple too. If there is such skill as a knife cutting, then she is surely level 1 by now.

At the same time, to kill some boredom, I've practiced on throwing the

knives, and finally I manage to get the level for it yesterday. Why is she not practicing the cooking honestly?

“Not to mention Ellie.....”

“Something is coming.”

Sati who is walking ahead of us take a vigilant posture.

“There are 2 of them. I get a feeling that one of them is being chased...it might be a person.”

“Where are them? If it’s a human in trouble with Demons, then we need to give help fast!”

I get a feeling that we’re getting interrupted at the crucial point, but this one need more attention.

“What about Hawk?”

“He is on the way.”

Tilika get off from the Golem and said so.

“If it’s an adventurer who’s getting chased, then we better go and distracts the Demon. Sati, let’s go ahead.”

“Yes, Masaru sama.”

I grasped my sword and run along Sati towards the deeper inside of the forest. Actually, that part of the forest is kind of near to the grassland. Maybe they are an amateur party trying to take down something worth more than they can handle, but eventually got destroyed.

“Just as I expected, the other one is a human.”

Saty said while running.

“I also managed to catch him in my detection. There is still some distance between us.”

The distance between the adventurer and the Demon stably doesn’t increase or decrease. We can make it.

At that time, the growls of the Demon echoed in the forest. There is still some

considerable distance between us, but I can already hear it. Plus, I know this voice.

“It’s an Ogre.”

Sati agrees with me.

“There is a group of it chasing after him too. The distance is still quite far though.”

“We should hurry up.”

After that I saw Hawk fly through pass our head.

“Hawk!”

Calling it loudly, I saw Hawk deftly flies through the forest trees, coming towards me.

“A group of Ogre is chasing after him. I will follow out soon after I help the adventurer, so please lead us out of the forest.”

I talked to Hawk who is at my shoulder.

The grassland is nearby, so it’s better to fight at an open space.

“Hawk, please lead the adventurer out.”

Hawk squeal with pyi~ and then it flies towards the adventurer.

“I saw them!”

“I will charge head on! Sati go hide and take the side!”

Sati quickly disappears.

I can’t follow them with my ears, but I can still figure it out with my detection skills.

Sati moves diagonally forward according to my direction. We’ve not made any arrangement before, but this way our movement will match.

The adventurer who is trying to escape comes into my eyes.

A huge Ogre is approaching behind him

Hawk is flying over the head of the Ogre, but the Ogre doesn’t seem to mind.

It still continues to chase after the adventurer.

The adventurer is already staggering, but the Ogre movement is not so fast in the first place.

If anything, the Ogre has a characteristic of skin thick like an armor cladding its body. Not to mention the arrows and low-level magic, even swords and spear will have rough time to pierce through it.

Its size is bigger than the Orc, but still on a smaller side compared to a troll. It has 2 horns on his head, and in terms of power it can easily twist apart a human being.

However, its body is heavy thus its slow speed.

Otherwise, the adventurer is already long dead.

“This way!”

Noticed, the adventurer raises his head. It’s a man.

Ordinarily, when the setting is like this, isn’t it usually a damsel in distress?

He didn’t even have a luggage, or a weapon at its hand. I wonder if he lost it during his escapee.

By the way, there is no way you can wrestle with the Ogre bare-handed, so he must have lost it rather than not bringing it. Plus, he is getting chased by a group of them as well.

It is a rather good decision to throw away all of his weapon and his baggage to run away.

“He-help.....”

“Come here.”

I halt my pace, and start chanting the fire arrow. I waited for the adventurer to past myself, and then shoot at the Ogre face.

Since it is a big scale magic, it is easy to hit the Ogre. On the same time, I can’t get the adventurer wrapped inside this attack.

“This way, you monster!”

The place where the fires make contact seems to be a bit scorched, but the Ogre doesn't seem to be intimidated even a bit. But with the attack, the Ogre finally gives it attention here instead of the adventurer.

The Ogre raises its arm and come after me.

If I were to take it head on, then I'll get blown away and everything will be over.

But right now, we're inside a forest. I went behind a big tree and make it a temporary shield.

This time, I'm planning to take it on with my sword from the very beginning. That's why, I won't rush in and observe it properly first. I'll calmly mark the movement of the Ogre.

Giving cries in distress, the Ogre stopped its feet and tries to go behind the tree to catch me. Sati silently went behind it and hit it neck.



However, it seems that Sati thin sword doesn't deal the finishing blow because of the Ogre armor like skin.

The Ogre give an angry shout and turn back, but Sati has long take a distance.

I quickly activate my Stealthy Step and hit the flame imbued sword at the back of the Ogre.

The Ogre back got torn apart and gush of bloods flow out from its wound. The Ogre screams in pains. In front of this magically imbued sword of flame, the armor thick like skin is just like a clay.

But because of that, the sword crumbled down with just one hit. Because this is just a usual sword, it doesn't have the property to properly withstand the magic.

"Cheap things really are no good."

I left the broken sword on the spot. Even though the Ogre reward is good enough, if every time like this then I feel like it's a waste. It's time I get a superior sword that can become a magic sword.

"Ha, I'm saved..."

"You are not safe yet. There is a group of Ogre chasing after you at the back."

I tell that to the adventurer.

"N-no way...there is more of them....."

After I put the Ogre inside my Item Box, I healed the adventurer. After some while his stamina seems to be recovered a bit.

"Stand up. Run. You can reach the grassland soon."

"U-understood."

The adventurer stands up and start running again. The group of Ogre is getting close. We will get caught if we don't hurry.

"Hey, hurry up. My companion is waiting for us at the grassland. Just a little bit more. If the Ogre manage to catch up then you'll die."

I scold the adventurer from the back while we're running. I can use Fly, but we're still okay for now. I don't want to hold a sweaty man either.

Finally, we manage to get past the forest and see the grassland.

The group of Ogre is also following us closely behind.

There are about 10 of them. Still, they are dangerous not comparable with the Orc. The town is already close, so we need to settle everything here.

If our party doesn't deal with them, then this group of Ogre might go and attack the city.

After getting out to the grassland, me and Sati overtake the adventurer and reunited with everyone else.

I need to prepare to deal with the Ogre now.

"Wai-, don't leave..."

"We better hurry. Look."

As I said that, I pointed towards the forest where several Ogres have popped out. After witnessing that, the adventurer sprint as if his life depends on it.

We still have some time to spare.

I think that is quite a cold reaction, but there is no reason for someone to act nice to a stranger.

If this is a girl then I'll surely protect her gently.

Well, this guy had stood against the Ogre by himself and lose his sword. That's alone is a feat to be praised.

## Chapter 15: Nameless Adventurer

I may have taken too much time to defeat the first Ogre. The group of Ogre is actually very close to us.

Besides, it seems that they have scattered away in the most troublesome way too. Like this we can't one-shot them with a long-range magic.

After regrouping with Ann, Tilika and Ellie, I started to chant the Earth Magic shortly.

"I'm going to make a tower with the Earth Magic. Gather up!"

The adventurer finally caught with us and now crawling besides me.

Right after the incantation started, the ground nearby our feet start to glow up. I'm rather hesitant to speed up the process since there are gravity to consider, but the Ogres are fast approaching. I can't waste any more time.

"Guy's, start chanting your offensive magic. Let's take down as many of them before they've come close."

The earth surrounding our feet merge in a rectangular way and start to risen up. It stopped when we reach about 5 meters and then we look at our surrounding.

The height of the tower itself is about 5 meters, but in the process of doing that it absorbs the surrounding soil, in which resultant a moat with a 3 meters depth. At the very least, the tower itself is quite high.

As long as the Ogre has no flying capabilities, there is no way it can reach us up here. Not only that, I can drop the rocks if they're trying to climb up. Perfect.

Immediately after the Earth Tower is completed, the Ogres managed to catch up with us finally. They are just standing beside the moat.

Their number has been decreased to 5. I've always thought about it, the reason why they won't run away even if there are only half of them remaining. It's really strange. Even though I'm quite sure that they have shred of intelligence with them.

“We shouldn’t finished off the one just now.”

“Because the Ogre is likely to catch up with us if we’ve taken too much time.”

“That’s true. But you guys have done well. Like this, it is easy to attack on them.”

“O’ frozen dragon, pierce the enemies. Ice Dragon.”

“Water Stream!”

While Ellie is taking her sweet time, both Ann and Tilika activated their chant and the remaining Ogre are now one.

“Aaahh!! Please leave some for me too!”

“Yeah, yeah. Please get it done soon.”

As expected, the Ogre finally try to run away when it is the last one remaining, but Sati arrow manage to struck it knee. Then the second one, and third one. Like this it can’t run away anymore. Ellie going to give the final blow. Sati really has done real good job with this.

While we’re waiting for Ellie chant to get completed, the Ogre suddenly turns around. Did it give up on fleeing?

“Ah, the stone.....”

The adventurer says.

Stone? Ah! The Ogre has a fist size stone in his hand.

Then it makes a stance.....then it throws it.

I knocked down Ellie who is continuously dragging her spell and the rock quickly flew over where her head was located just now. It’s truly a power of an Ogre. The rock can easily reach 150 kilometers per hour.

“Wa, wa, wa...”

“Lie down, lie down!”

The Ogre is preparing to throw the second one. Shit, we need to finish casting fast.

The second one hits the tower and give a loud *dogan* sound. I bet he’s trying

to hit us who has already lying down. If we get hit straight by that, I'm sure our body will get blown off. Sati continues to assault it with her bow. But its armors like thick skin manage to avoid it from receiving fatal injuries even though there are several arrows attached to its body already.

Just when the Ogre wants to throw the third one, our chant is finally completed.

"Explosion!" "Ice Storm!" "Ice Storm!"

The three magics activated at almost same time. With me, Ann and Tilika magics combined, the Ogre was hit full blown and not even a remain left. This is quite a waste of material, but it can't be helped.

"That was amazing! You guys, just what is this!"

The adventurer begins to make a fuss when the Ogre has been completely annihilated and our safety is assured.

"Calm down. Are you alone? Where are your friends?"

I was in hurry so I forgot to ask. There is a possibility that he is not alone. I hope he is though. It would be too late if he left his friend inside the forest.

"Err, ah. I'm just alone."

"What are you doing inside the forest alone?"

"Hunting, I think..."

"It looks like you're the one hunted instead."

"That's because....."

In short, since his travelling expenses is running dry, he tries to gain some money by going inside the forest alone to hunt.

Then he was found out by the Ogres, then he tosses out his weapons, luggage, and everything he has and start running away.

I heard about it before descending by using the Levitation.

"You're lucky to get noticed by us."

"Somehow I manage to escape!" (need revision)

“Are you aiming to the town?”

“That’s right.”

“You’re going to bring along the Ogre together with you?”

“Umm.....I’m sorry, Big Bro.”

Now I finally get the gist of the situation. If the Ogre really did reach the town as it is, how much damage it will bring I wonder. Although there are some soldiers stationed at the entrance of the town, they don’t have enough strength to handle about 10 Ogres at once. The people using the main road also need to be taken into consideration.

I glanced at him. He is some young looking male though looks a bit like a girl. I thought that he might be an adult since he has a broader back, but he looks about the same age as a high school student in Japan. His equipment is ragged and he is dirty all over, but still a handsome man nonetheless. No, he is a pretty boy. He doesn’t have large stature also, people might mistake him for a girl.

“I’m Masaru. What is your name?”

“Wilfred. Masaru bro, please call me Will!”

It’s a cool name. If it is the old me, then I might have burn in jealousy right now. Ikemen Wilfred. I bet he is still quite young as well.

“Alright Will. What about your weapon and luggage? Did you ditch them all at the forest?”

“I don’t know where are them since I’m too busy escaping. Besides, since my sword and luggage doesn’t worth much, I don’t think that it is worth it to return inside the forest just to look for them.”

For him who’s just avoided the situation of life and death, it is normal to feel like not wanting to go inside the forest back just to retrieve some cheap equipment. If you asked me it is troublesome for me too.

“Alright. Let’s get to the town then.”

“Wa-wait a moment! Please make me your disciple, Big Bro!”

“If you want me to train your swordsmanship then isn’t it better for you to

head to the training ground instead?”

“That’s not it. The magic, please teach me the ways of magic!”

Right after, Ellie landed down using Levitation.

“We’re done. What’s wrong, Masaru?”

“Ah, you see this guy...”

“Please make me your disciple, Nee san!”

Will start performing a Dogeza. Talk about Dogeza, where the heck did he learnt about it?

“What? I won’t take a disciple, for your information.”

We take our confidentiality seriously, there is no way we can accept any disciple.

“I’ve never seen someone else use Earth Magic like this before!”

Since it’s consuming lots of magic power, there is no way any ordinary magician will pull this kind of stunt. This Earth Tower is just nothing but pouring all your magic juice into building it, no skill is involved.

“Not to mention, the other three as well! The consecutive assault using a high-ranking magic that I saw just now confirms that they all are a high-class magician! Therefore, please teach me magic!”

“Please enter the magic school just like how the others do it normally.”

Ellie says so with a fed-up face.

“That is impossible. Even so! I’m willing to do anything! So please!”

“If it is impossible to do it normally, even more so with us...”

“The beastmens over there used magic just now, isn’t she? I saw her casting Levitation. I never saw a beastmens using a magic before!”

What a frightful observation. She only used it for a moment just now.

Sati spent most of her 2 weeks-time holed up in the basement of our house practicing magic. Of course, her lack of magic power is supported by me. She still fainted every now and then though.

Because of that, she managed to acquire Levitation just the other day. Since her magic power is limited, it is impossible to lift her whole body. However, it is enough to lift her body lightly to boost her jumps for about 5 meters. Her activating Levitation should be a fraction of seconds. I wonder how he is able to observe it.

“It’s not like magic is a requirement to become an adventurer, isn’t it? Training your swordsmanship alone is enough.”

“That is no good.....everyone in my family can use magic. They tried to teach me, they even hired a tutor, but it is all no good.”

“Ooh. Are you a noble?”

“Umm, well...I ran away from the neighborhood so please forgive me, Nee san.”

I glanced at Tilika. Tilika nod lightly. Seems like this guy is not telling a lie.

“Just give up. It doesn’t work with your previous tutor, am I right?”

“My family members and my tutor are not really proficient in magic just like Big Bro and the others! Everyone here has mastered magic in quite young age! There must be some special training regime that they are following!”

Somehow this development giving me a sense of Deja-vu.

“No-no way something like that is true! Come, let’s hurry up to the town!”

That said, Ellie quickly move from the tower. Ellie seems to be a bit overwhelmed. This is kind of suspicious.....

“For now, I want to go back. It’s better if we reach home soon.”

“B-Big Bro, what about me being your disciple.....”

“Next time okay, next time. We just arrived here from Gorbass Fortress. That’s why I’m feeling too tired.”

It’s the truth that I’ve been walking all day today, and hearing his request makes me get a headache.

“Okay. Sorry for disturbing you, Big Bro.”

I slowly jumped down from the tower by using Levitation. Tilika came down

next.

When I look at it again, it really is one big tower. The moat is also very deep. I hope I can cover the top to make it like a rampart. It's a shame that overall this tower looks too plain. Is it possible to reduce the overall magic power consumption if I make some of the insides part hollow? Since it is made of earth, it should be okay to pull out some since it is quite solid overall.

"Big Bro~"

"What is it?"

And please stop calling me 'Big Bro'.

"I can't get down."

Certainly, the tower is 5 meters tall, and there is no place to grip onto at the structure. An ordinary person can never get down.

"Jump down."

"That's unreasonable~"

"Why won't everyone go back first? I feel like improving this tower a bit."

I turned to face everyone and tell them that.

"Right. I got quite worried there when it starts to throw stones. I thought that I'm dying just now."

"Yeah. Let's make it more like a rampart."

"I'm going to stay here with Masaru sama."

"I'm going to stay with you too."

"Well then I'm going to head back first."

"Then Ellie, shall we go back together? We've leave the house for so long. This is a good opportunity to clean it."

We can't rely on the orphanage kids to help us clean the house during our absence this time.

"Eeh, then I'm too, with Masaru..."

"Now, let's go!"

Ann grabbed Ellie's hand and dragged her away. By the way, I already instructed Hawk to check the surrounding roads from the meadow to the towns and make sure that it is safe. The 2 of them should be alright.

"Um, Big Bro?"

"Oh, give me a sec, okay?"

For the time being I need to take down Will.

Activate the Earth Magic, deforms the tower and create a stair. Is that the sequence? But I better don't waste my magic power on the stair alone now. As expected it is better to use the rope or a ladder instead.

"Wow, you're amazing, Big Bro. You don't look like you're going to run out of magic power anytime soon at all."

Well came down using the ladder.

"There is no need to call me 'Big Bro'. Masaru is enough."

"No way! Masaru bro is my benefactor!"

"I mean, aren't you from a noble family? What are you saying now..."

"Well, I thought that I want to experience being an adventurer. That's why I've been studying about it."

His ways of doing is completely wrong. If it was me, I will completely devote my time practicing my swordsmanship, instead of exploring the dangerous forest. As expected of a bonbon from a noble's family. He doesn't know how the worlds work.

I thought that I'm naïve enough being a peaceful Japanese person, but this guy has it worse.

"Since I'm going to be here for a while, you can go ahead to the town first. You've no business to do here anymore."

"I'm going to wait for you. What are you planning to do?"

"I'm concerned about this tower. Since I made it hastily, I never consider the structure material. I want to improve it so that it will be safe to use."

"Is that so. It is rather inconvenient if there is no stair to get off."

“No, there shouldn’t be any stair. What if the enemy use it to climb up?”

“You’re right. But what if you want to climb it up or get down?”

“Since everyone in our party can fly, it is not a problem.”

If Sati support her jumps with a Levitation, then this much height is no problem.

“Huh? Then what about people like me that can’t fly?”

“Why should you bother, adventurer who’s name I can’t remember.”

“It’s Will. Please remember it, Big Bro!”

Our conversation won’t go anywhere if I were to listen to him. For now, I’m going to leave the staircase alone. Right now, I’m going to create a wall so that people can hide behind it.

I activate the Earth Magic and surrounded the top of the tower with a wall. The overall tower’s height decreases accordingly, but right now it doesn’t matter. I tried to make the height of the wall around my chests.

“Why don’t you put decorations on the wall too, Masaru sama.”

“By the way this has the same feeling like the one at the fortress.”

Following Sati advice, I’m going to decorate the rampart.

“With this, it is easier to hide and aim at the enemy. I wonder how strong it is...Sati, try it out.”

“Okay.”

Sati pull out her sword and slash at the wall. The rampart got sliced nicely. Okay, I might have selected a wrong guy to do it. If it is Sati, she is totally capable of slicing even a stone wall. Tilika is impossible, and I don’t know if this unknown adventurer is up to the task.

“A guy who I don’t even know his name, will you help me a little?”

“It’s Will, Big Bro.....”

“Here, use this sword and try to slash this wall.”

“You want me to do it!?”

“It’s dangerous you know to walk around unarmed. Don’t worry about it since it is just a cheap sword. I’ll also toss the sheath in as an extra.”

“As expected of Big Bro! I’ll follow you for my whole life!”

“Putting that aside, try to attack the wall. I still have reserve, so it’s okay to slash it with all your might till the thing is destroyed.”

I’ve never done an endurance test for the earth wall. This is a good occasion to try various things.

“Please leave it to me!”

Will hold the swords and unleashes streams of attacks on the rampart wall. Although it is hardened, it is formerly a soil so it can be cut well. Besides that, Will is having a good stance despite being a nobleman. I guess he gets a proper training as a person from a noble lineage.

*“pant pant* how is it?”

“The wall strength is still lacking.”

Only this part is still rigid. I wonder if I should apply a curing. Since it has a proper thickness, it is not weak enough to get broken anytime soon. Overall, there should be no problem.

After that, I remodeled the tower, then examined its structure with everyone, and attacked it with various magic to check the strength. Finally, together with Tilika both of us demolish it with a flashy magic attack and went back home.

Anyway, how long will this adventurer who’s name I don’t know will follow me?

## Chapter 16: Let's finish thing that we've started

"By the way, adventurer who's name I don't know over there, how long are you going to follow us?"

Currently we're still at the grassland. We're still walking to the towns.

"Aw geez, Big Bro. You still haven't decided whether you're going to take me as a disciple or not. And my name is Will."

I've given him cold shoulder so that he will give up, which he doesn't. I hope he will give up soon though.

"Don't you already have a magic tutor or family member that can teach magic at home?"

"My tutor is no good, he just tells me to do my best all the time."

There is no way he can tell his client who is a son of a noble which screams money to give up. That's why he is cheering for you.

"Just give up. What is impossible will remains impossible."

"Sati san is from a Beastmen kin but still capable of using magic, right? From where did you learn it?"

"Masaru sama."

"I knew it! Big Bro is awesome! Please teach me as well!"

Sati get all smile since I was praised.

"Isn't it fine if you can't use magic? Normally, most people can't use it either."

It is said that only 1 in 10 people have a potential to become a magician. I wonder if there is some kind of prerequisite for it such as the level of ki, since 90% of people are not able to learn magic.

"You see. My family is fine with me being the single one that can't use magic. But when I imagine myself not capable of using magic when everyone else does, do you know how ashamed I felt towards my own self? I feel so pathetic."

Hearing that makes me think about my dark past. I'm, as well, always feels

ashamed to be in my house. Still, the members of my family have been kind. But sometimes I get told off as well.

Is the rice that you've eaten without working taste good? Such thing.

"Ah, umm, that's it. I don't know anymore. But you see, even Sati here is desperately practicing for just Levitation spell alone."

"Even that much is enough! The important part is that I'm capable of using it. Sati san, you understand my feelings, right?"

"I'm very glad to be able to use magic."

"Right! RIGHT! That's why, Big Bro, I'm under your care!"

"No way, I can't do it. In the first place, I can't spend my time to teach you when I have a job as an adventurer."

"If you include me inside your party, I'm fine being a grunt and do all the chores!"

"Doing chores is already my job."

"Huh, then I'm going to carry all your baggage's!"

"Say, the Ogres that we've beaten just now, how many of them can you carry home?"

"Th-then I'm going to be your vanguard! I'm confident in the strength of my arms at least."

"Then let test your mettle. Sati, have a match with him."

If he is defeated by a small kid like Sati then he might finally give up.

"Yes, Masaru sama."

With that decided, I handed to them both wooden sword from my inventory.

"It will be fine if you manage to land one blow on Sati. I can use Heal, so please don't hold yourself back."

"Are you fine with this, Sati san?"

"You can be serious right from the start. Right, Sati?"

"I always join the practice at the training ground. Please come at me seriously,

Will san.”

“I understand.”

Both of them take a stance with the wooden sword. By the way, right now we’re at the place where the town wall is barely visible. There should be no danger if we’re to hold a match here.

“Start!”

Will make the strike first, albeit a bit soft. As expected, he is taking Sati lightly. Sati receives the strike calmly and affixed her wooden sword at Will’s neck.

“I already asked you to come at me seriously.”

Even at the training ground, it is usual for Sati to be look down. ‘There is no way I can hit such a small kid’. That’s why this kind of interaction has been happening like forever.

“U-understood.”

In his next tries, he put some force in his slashes. After 2 to 3 light slashes, he gets blown by Sati attack at his torso.

“Is that your serious blows?”

He finally realizes that the girl in front of him is not an ordinary opponent. But realizing that won’t do anything good for him.

Will is serious this time. He is trying to hit Sati desperately, but without any success. Sati is committed to receive Will’s attack, but his attack doesn’t show any sign of making hit.

But Will’s swordsmanship is not as bad as I thought. He has the strength, and his stance is solid as well.

If his opponent is a mere Orc, then he might win. He has huge potential for a kid his age.

“That’s enough, Sati.”

I already seen what I wanted to see, that’s why I’m stopping Satie. At that moment, Sati repelled off Will’s wooden sword and beat him to the ground.

“Are you okay?”

I go to Will and heal the part which has been beaten by Sati earlier.

“Thank you, Big Bro. But, hey, how come are you so strong, Sati san?”

“You won’t win even after trying for 100 times.”

“Masaru sama is way stronger!”

Sati insisted so. But I wonder how it is actually? Even though we’re both at the same skill rank at level 5, I don’t feel like I can win over her at all. If I include my magic then I might be able to win, somehow.

“Are you serious.....”

“To begin with, we are from a B rank party who can single-handedly handle the Ogres. You’ve no chance at all.”

The only people who is currently B rank in our party is Ellie alone, but both me and Sati are going to be promoted to B rank soon, so it’s not technically wrong.

“No way...”

It’s sad to see Will get all teary-eyed, but getting into a vanguard business means serious skills. Even I myself was injured many times, sometimes even facing a near death experience. The only way we managed to get through many times was because of our high magical firepower. With the current Will swordsmanship skill, there is no way he can survive.

I have no intention to drive this guy like a slave. It is simply impossible for this Bonbon from aristocrat family. I’ll be in trouble with his household if something happens while he is with my party.

“Alright, we’re already near the town. Let’s go.”

In the end, I couldn’t just abandon Will in this wilderness. Even though I pick him up, I don’t have the slightest intention to keep him forever. This just happen because I’ll feel bad if he happens to die if I left him alone here.

“Please lend me some money, Big Bro. I’ll definitely return them to you afterwards.”

“It’s fine, but how are you planning to return it back to me later?”

“I’ll somehow try to earn some money. If I can’t make it, then I’ll borrow some

from my family.”

“Didn’t you nearly die when you try to hunt at the forest moment ago? Where is your family house?”

If it is just nearby here then I’ll escort him back. It’s better for him.

“The Empire of Hoss.”

The empire is far from here.

“Aren’t you running from your house right now? How are going to manage that? In the first place, aren’t your family looking for you?”

“I’m the youngest brother in my house. There are still my big brothers. That’s why I’m not obliged to inherit the role for the household, so I’m kind of free to go. I already talked with my brothers properly before I leave the house.”

There is no problem as troublesome as a family members looking for their lost brother.

I don’t mind lending him some money, but he doesn’t seem to be making any soon. I don’t want to make it sound like I’m extorting him somehow when I do run out of money, and he might do some reckless thing and endanger himself again. I’ll feel bad if he died on me, honestly. I don’t know any easy way to earn money for beginner though. At time like this I better consult on someone more experienced. It’s better to ask Sergeant dono or Guild Vice Leader.

I passed through the eastern gate of the town, I was greeted by the usual soldier on duty.

“Masaru! Did you go through the forest from Gorbass Fortress? I saw your wives just now. How was the battle?”

“Well, we encountered Harpies nest and Orc nest. The rest doesn’t give much impression to me.’

Regarding the Ogre.....it’s better if I shut my mouth. If I report to the guild, then this Will boy here will get into trouble.

“Wow. Of course, you exterminated them all, don’t you?”

“Of course. I make sure to crushed them all thoroughly.”

“I see, I see. Just not long ago, you’re struggling against a mere Wild Rabbit. Look at you now. So, it’s true that a man will change once he got a wife, huh?”

“Well you see. I did train myself hard you know.”

“That’s not it. They are all a beauty. Oops, sorry to take your time. Please get through.”

“I’m going to stop by at Adventurer Guild. There is something that I want to talk about with Sergeant dono.”

After we get into the town, I told both Sati and Tilika in front of the guild.

“Then I’m going to see Drewin.”

“Umm, Big Bro. Who is your wife?”

“Oh. They are my wives, all four of them.”

“All four of them!? Truly my Big Bro! Even my father only has 3 at most!”

Still, it is 3 persons. I wonder how is it with his household.

“How high is your household among other nobility?”

“Well, it is quite a big name and it is an old family as well. That’s why, I’ll definitely get the money to return to you once I go back home.”

“We’ll think about it when the time comes. I’m going to meet a person, you go hang around for a while.”

I left Will at the guild hall and went to see the receptionist.

I greet the people behind the counter like usual. The rewards will be delivered later, so for now I only get to report the battle and show them my Guild Card for my subjugation record. As for Sati, she went along Tilika to find Guild Vice Leader.

“Harpy nest, huh? Can you tell me about the location details later?”

“Okay. By the way, there is something that I would like to discuss with Sergeant dono.”

“That’s remind me. Someone has a request for you, Masaru. Tomorrow, there is a beginner training course, but they are still lacking for a healer. I know that

you have just returned from long journey, but is it too much to ask after all? I promise you it won't be a hard work."

"The request is coming from Sergeant dono himself, right?"

"Seems like it."

The beginner training course will be held for a week. I want to meet Sergeant dono, but this really is a bad timing.

"Since it will take long time, is it fine if I consulted with other members first?"

"Yup. Please give me the reply tomorrow. Oh, if you want to meet Vaut then he is at the training ground."

I found Sergeant dono as soon as I reach the training ground.

"Aah, Masaru. I see you have returned safely."

"Yes, Sergeant dono. I'm going to be busy tomorrow. I was asked to be a healer for a beginner training course. Whether or not I will accept it, it'll be decided after I hold a family meeting later."

"Understood. If a healing specialist like Masaru is participating, then everything will run smoother."

"Sergeant dono, actually there is a favor that I would like to ask you."

"What is it? Just spill it."

"I want to train my sword again, this time more seriously and thoroughly."

"Hmm, in that case, once the beginner training course is over, I can train you every day."

"You sure it's fine? I thought that I will disturb you with this, with the training and all."

"What, there is nothing for me to do other than raise my voices. Nothing too much for me."

"If that the case, then I'll leave everything in your hand. As for the healer request, I might take it up."

"I understand. Let's train thoroughly."

Oops, I almost forgot the most important thing.

“Actually.....”

I told him about the event where I picked up Will at the forest.

“That’s why I thought about bringing him over as well.”

A beginner workshop being held now is like a God send. Like this, I don’t need to specially ask someone to help him train.

“That’s fine. Just bring him over.”

I did feel bad a bit for him, but everything is for Will sake.

“Big Bro, done with your business?”

“Yup. There is something I want to talk about with you, Will. The guild is hosting a beginner training course. Why don’t you spend some time and join?”

“Eh? A beginner training course?”

Will make a confused face.

“That’s right. Instead of just spending your time at home tomorrow, why don’t you go and participate. They are going to give you meal. I’ll lend you some money as well.”

“Really!? I’ll do it. I’m going to participate!”

“I see, I see. Then learn seriously okay.”

“Alright, Big Bro!”

Good.

If this guy manages to survive the beginner course, then there is a chance that he will become a better adventurer.

“What does a beginner training course do?”

Will asked while we’re walking home.

“Let see. Firstly, it’s going to be hold for one week. They’re going to be trained by a professional adventurer directly. Not only that, all the cost is covered by the guild. This includes all the accommodation, meals and the lectures.”

“Wow, they are really generous. But still, a week.”

“There are many things to learn. Last time I participated, it is not enough even for one week. Even now sometimes I meet the coach for additional lessons.”

In addition to strengthening your physicals and sharpening your techniques, this training also aimed to teach the beginner about the mental attitude and ways to survive as an adventurer. Even though I was formerly a NEET, the reason I’m able to confront against the monster without difficulty was because I was given the basic direction from the beginner training course. Never hesitate to kill the demons. They’ve come with intention to kill, there is no need for any mercy or hesitation.

“So, Big Bro participated in this training too. Do they teach magic as well?”

“Too bad the magic is not included.”

Will seems to be dejected, but hearing that I’ve participated in the same course makes him look more determined.

“I wonder if I continue training, I’ll be able to defeat the Ogre in a blow like Big Bro and everyone else.”

“Someday you will. For now, just focus on completing this beginner training course.”

It’s important to give some encouragement to this guy. This guy is still young, and there are still many possibilities that this guy can explore.

“I’ll do my best!!”

“Ooh, go for it.”

From tomorrow on, there is no doubt that he will be pushed to death.

After I get back home, I found the interior has been completely cleaned. I made Will wait first at the garden.

“The cleaning labour is not necessary, seriously. I have enough magic power, I can clean everything at once!”

“It’s nice to do some cleaning once in a while you know~ It’s not like we will always have enough magic power.”

Ann make a comeback. I don't have a say in this matter as per which method is the best. But in my opinion, using the purifying magic has its own perks.

"It's good, no. Not like everyone is not capable of using magic in this house."

"Oh well. Looks like everyone has returned, should I prepare the meal now? Masaru, the food."

"I brought Will along, please prepare for his portion as well."

I told her while taking out all the ingredient from my Item Box.

"What Masaru, you bring that guy back? Why don't you just ditch him somewhere else?"

"Hey, don't be so mean. It's only for today."

"Don't get me wrong. I thought I can finally relax in the room up stair for the first time in a while."

"Then, it's fine as long he is at the garden, right? I'll let him have his meal over there."

"Okay."

I'm going to create a hut at the garden for Will, then.

"Next thing is about tomorrow."

I explain to them about the request for me to be the healer for the beginner training course starting from tomorrow.

"I'm planning to take a break anyways, so it's fine. But why would they need healers?"

"Nobody knows about it.....I want this information to stay here. Apparently, the beginner training course aim to train the adventurers intensively. They will be trained until they collapsed, then healed and the cycle repeat."

I tell them more about the training course. It is truly dreadful, as if they are putting on you the slave collar.

"Woah...And Masaru finished the course too."

"Yeah. They choose the name 'Beginner Course' just to camouflage the actual

content. That's why everyone just keep silent. If the truth were to spread, then it will increase unnecessary wariness towards the newbies adventurers."

"Really. Then it's fine to lend him the garden for this night. So, from tomorrow onwards, both of you will be at the guild?"

"I'm going to stay over there. I think everyone will be confined inside, so there is no way to get out."

There is no way to escape since they will put on a slave collar.

After I'm done discussing, I went out to see Will who is waiting quietly.

"Sorry, for making you wait."

"No, it's okay."

"The dinner will be prepared soon. You can stay at the garden."

"Eh? But there is nothing in this garden...?"

Will look around the garden, surprised. Right now, the season is winter. It will be tough to camp outside.

"I'm going to make one for you now. Didn't you saw my Earth Magic? Let's make an exclusive room just for you."

I was planning to make a kennel, but it will be a bad manner. Sure enough, Will seems to be impressed.

Once I've got the rough estimation of the size and placement, I activated my Earth magic. Since the basement is made deeper underground, it is fine to dig some soil to some extent. Still, I better replenish it later when I've got time.

Immediately, a hut about 5 tatami mats size is created. It is easier since the amount of soil used is not much.

"Amazing, in a blink of eye..."

"I made it strongly so it will not be blown off by the snow and wind. There is no window, but it is better since you won't get cold. I kept the entrance small. The only thing left is the bed."

I go inside and created the bed. I put large amount of rabbit fur from my Item Box on top of it as a blanket. The rest I used it to block the entrance. This is a

fine quality place, coming from an Earth magic alone. Yup, this is good enough for a small room.

“Thank you for doing this for me, Big Bro!”

“Don’t mind it.”

He is going to get it tough tomorrow. That’s why I’m going to make it comfortable for him, at least for now.

“Come, it’s about time the food is ready. I’m really tired today. Let’s eat plenty and have a good rest for tomorrow.”

“Okay, big Bro!”

## Chapter 17: Boot camp

After having dinner, I drove Will out to the garden. It is time for a family meeting. There is no immediate need for it, but we need to plan for our future.

“I’d like to visit Nania’s place.”

Neither I nor everyone else wanted to go anywhere and I thought that we should increase the transfer point, so there is no objection towards Ellie’s proposal.

If we use a horse-drawn carriage, then it will take around 5 days to reach the kingdom. To reach Nania-sans village, we need to take at least 2 weeks.

If we go to the Capital and sell our prey, then we can get a slightly higher price compared to selling it here. But since the difference is not that much, that is not a deal-breaker for us. Since we can use teleportation, that was not an important factor.

“Either one is fine, right? Even though the other one is buying with higher price, it’s not like there is much of a difference no?”

“You’re not wrong, but since this time we’re going to sell in large quantities, there will be a significant difference.”

“Are you going to fly?”

It is possible to fly to the kingdom.

“It’s better if you don’t do that.”

“Why? It’s much faster than riding a horse. There is no problem with magic power if we take a break once in a while.”

To be accurate, the speed is about the same as a horse sprinting. The difference here is that we can fly for a long time, compared to the horse.

Is it because there is higher chance to get attacked by a Demon? We’re certainly vulnerable during flight, but we have detection skills. I think there would be no problem’s if we’ve made preparations for counterattacks in advance.

“Everyone has different capabilities when using the flight magic. Normally, people will be able to fly for about 5 to 10 minutes. After that, they will get a cluster headache. It’s terrible.”

It’s said that the headache is so painful that you will lose any control you have.

“Seriously.....”

It seems like Levitation can be used for longer period than Fly, but the end result is the same. The cause is the overuse of magic power is harmful. Last time, when we were being chased by the cow, how long did we fly? I was supporting Tilika as well, but I don’t think that I exceed the 10 minutes.

“People usually know once they learn it, but for most people it doesn’t matter since their magic power is going to get exhausted first anyway.”

In other words, there is no way for a human to reach the outer space.....I’ve dreamt of making a space suit someday and going to explore the outer space before. What a shame. This is very disappointing.

“I think it’s better to go to the Capital. It’s not good to be selfish. We can go to Nania’s place afterwards.”

Ellie makes her mind while I’m still in shock about the fact that I can’t go to outer space.

“Money wise there are no problems.”

I already earn a lot.

“That is no good! Money is important!”

“You’re right. Well said, Ellie. This time, we’re going to the Capital.”

At that time, the Quest Menu flashes. It’s been a while since the last time I saw this.

I open the Quest Menu fearfully.

**【Quest: Help Nania】**

Nania who is unfamiliar with a farmer’s life requires help.

This quest is not time limited, but it is advised that you better not go to the

Capital.

**Reward:** 5 skill points for the whole party

Will you accept the quest? **YES/NO**

This is very suspicious.

As soon as we've decided to go to the Capital, this quest pops up. Does this mean that there is something at the Capital? Or is it because Nania-san is in a dire situation? But seeing that this quest is forbidding me from going to the Capital, it's making me feel like wanting to go .

"What's wrong? Does Masaru does not want to go to the Capital?"

Ann asked me.

"Err....."

I was a bit lost whether to talk or not, but in the end, I explained everything to them regarding the quest.

"We need to hurry!"

Ellie stood up and urged us. Well, it's Ellie so it's understandable.

"Hold your horses. It was said that there is no need to hurry. The quest basically instructs us to do 3 things. Go and help Nania san. Do not rush. Don't go to the Capital. There must be a reason why the instruction is like that. If we want to take the quest, then we better follow the instructions."

The previous quest was about the shrine.

I wonder if there is something bad happening if we're to decline this quest. I don't think there are any trouble in particular, but I'm still a bit worried.

This time, Ito-kami didn't put the quest in the diary.

"You're going to accept it, right?"

"Of course. It's a quest from God. There is no way he won't accept it."

Both Ellie and Ann are pressuring me to take the quest.

I'm sorry. I refused the previous one.....

"Can I put it on hold for a while? Seems like there is no need to hurry and I

have other thing's I want to confirm first."

"If Masaru said so."

Ann seems to be a bit dissatisfied, but as of now, there is no way for me to make an immediate decision.

"For now, why don't everyone take a bath?"

I sit at the table in the living room and open the diary. Ann and Ellie come along and look into it from both sides. Sati and Tilika went into the bath first.

"Hey, what are you writing?"

"Secret."

I've been using a second diary since quite some time now, and since then I've been writing them in Japanese. Occasionally I'll write about the destruction of the world, and quest details like today and the Shrine one. There is no way I'm going to let them read.

"That is no good, Ellie. You can't simply forcibly ask him about it. This is an oracle."

While saying that, Ann is steadily taking a secret look inside the diary. It is a diary for communicating to God written in a foreign language though.

There are few lines that are coming from God, but it is mostly my own personal diary. They might be disappointed after reading it.

I write a question and put it back inside my Item Box. I'm asking for something since I'm going to take up the quest. Now I only need to wait for the answer.

In the meantime, should I take a bath? I want to get washed by Sati.

"I'm going to take a bath? Both of you want to join?"

They declined. What a shame. Once we all bathed together, but it's kinda cramped inside. Maybe I should consider to remodel the bath soon.

"What do the both of you think about the quest?"

After feeling satisfied being washed thoroughly, I hop into the bathtub together with Sati and Tilika.

“I’m fine with whatever decision Masaru-sama take.”

“I agree. It’s important for you to decide it. If you really want to take it then just accept the oracle.”

“You’re right. There is no need to rush it.”

Although I feel that it will not be possible except for YES this time, I have a murky feeling about it.

Well, I’ll reach the conclusion once I get out of the bath.

Here it comes.

『You are free to choose this time just like previous time. However, please be alerted with your schedule once you accepted the quest. 』

Tilika come and look into the diary. Since Sati is responsible for bath, she is still inside to attend both Ann and Ellie.

“Whatever you choose is fine.”

If we need to take a tight schedule then we need to take the day off. Ellie will probably wish to go soon, but it’s super inconvenient. If push comes to shove we can go there with Drago. Can we take a horse carriage without changing it halfway?

“Putting aside the quest pros and cons, the 5 points are still attractive.”

Right, it’s only take a little bit more for Tilika to reach the Summoning Magic level 5.

After everyone has done bathing, the meeting was conducted again. Of course, we are going to accept the quest. Ellie want to start the quest right away, but I tell her that it can’t be done since we need to mind our schedule as excuse.

Early in the morning next day, everyone is going to the Adventurer’s Guild. All of them already went ahead of me. I’ll definitely bring Will to the practice ground.

“Practice properly, Will.”

“Yes, Aniki. I’m going to do my best!”

Will already have a good sleep and a nice breakfast, so today should be a great day for him. However, considering the misery that he's going to face in the future, his smile kind of look sympathetic.

Including Will, the participant for this round is 10 people, which are 6 people more than the time I took it. Since its winter, many people are taking a rest. That's why they need to secure much more healer. I'm in charge of the second half starting at afternoon. After halfway a day, most of the participants will get exhausted, that's why it's the toughest time for the healer. However, there is no problem since I can continue it all day long, and it's a good condition because I can train with Sergeant-dono later.

I leave Will with everyone on the ground and he wave back at me, smiling.

Today we're getting the reward from our trip going through and coming back from the forest. The reward can be collected at the guild warehouse.

There are Guild Vice Leader and the new Truth Official. Alongside them is 5 members of the Merchant Guild. They all are coming for appraisal and remuneration. Ellie already submitted the Ogre the other day so the inspection already started.

It is exactly 10 of them except for the last one since it can't be recovered due to its condition being in pieces.

My Item Box is nearly full now. I doubt Ellie can store in much Ogre in hers as well. I'm going to organize the rock once all this is over.

Thinking about it carefully, there is no actual need to put everything in the Item Box. We can just keep it next to Will's hut or at the basement of our home or even at the Rock Private Warehouse.

No, should I really, keep our kills over there? Yeah, I think that is more preferable.

If we chilled the carcasses with ice, then it should be able to preserve. I'm going to expand the cellar and make a warehouse.

"Do I have to put it out in order?"

I confirmed it with the Guild Vice-Leader. The new Truth Official seems to be a

young man. I just saw a glimpse of it but he also has a strange eye. The officer exchanges a word or two with Tilika earlier, but now the mood is silent and it's frustrating. I wonder if all Truth Official's are like this.

"Yes. I'm counting on you."

First of all, I'm taking out the Harpies. It's quite troublesome since I need to take them out one by one because if I take it out all at once then they're going to overflow. There are about 200 Harpies. The warehouse is large, but I wonder if it can fit everything inside at once.

Next is the Orc. There are also lots of them. In addition to the one from the Orc Settlement, we encountered another group while travelling and we kill them each time. They are the most common enemy in the forest.

"This is truly a spectacular sight!"

"Isn't it too much.....? For a 2-week worth."

"We hunted from the entrance to the end of the forest."

After I'm done with organizing the Orcs, I take out the next kills one by one. Large Bear, Large Boar, Troll, Goblin, Hobgoblin, Lizardman, Forest Wolf and Black Leopard. There are about 10 kinds of insect, such as Mantis, Spider and Ants. Although they are insects, they are in huge size. When the Ant came out, my heart skipped a beat. I'm glad that it's weak.

We also saw a Large Bat, Lamia, Cyclops, Centaur, Cockatrice, Huge Monkey or Gorilla. Also encountered an Orochi and Large Earthworm. It took me, Sati and Hawk to search for them, such chaotic times. The detection range of our party is fairly extensive. About 50 kinds in total. I guess it covered almost all of the monsters in the forest.

People from the Merchant Guild is already calling for more support and since the space at the warehouse is not enough, once they're done with the Orc and Harpy, I put them back inside my Item Box.

"Surprisingly, you've hunted lots of prey."

Looking at the wide variety of kills in the warehouse, the Guild Vice-Leader said so, impressed.

“Let that one out, Masaru.”

“Is that fine? I thought we’re going to bring to the Capital and sell it for a higher price.”

“We’re just going to show it. If they’re willing to give us acceptable price, then we can sell it here.”

“Hmm? Do you still have more?”

“This is it.”

I took out the superior Orc and Harpy from Item Box. Since it’s obviously bigger than the other variant, everyone can tell that it’s a higher class by a glance. They are the same type as the normal Orc and Harpy, and the description for them in the card is the same. That is why the subjugation reward is the same, but the material and the meat can be sold for high price.

“I don’t know. Since we defeat the Harpy by using a magic assault, it is not in a very good condition. As for the Orc, the head was broken.”

Ellie explains to the people of the commercial guild who have gathered.

“We planned to sell it at the Capital, but if your offered price is reasonable, then we might sell it here.”

Of course, we want to sell it quickly, but for now we can just leave it inside the Item Box. I will leave this negotiation to Ellie for the time being.

“I wonder what we should do with the Orc and the Harpy.

“There is a vacant warehouse, so just put it there. Can you ask for ice for refrigeration?”

“It’s fine. The ice will be on service.”

“I see. That warehouse.”

After I returned, the superior Harpy and Orc was sold at a good price. Ellie who’s worried about Nania-san since morning has her mood improved.

“Just to be sure, all of this was hunted in a period of 2 weeks?”

The assessment with the Merchant Guild was done, and now is the time for our reward.

“Of course.”

“Even though you said that the Orc and Harpy has made a nest in the forest, this amount is just too much. Did something happen again in the forest?”

There are even superior Demon included in our kills. Of course, people will have their doubt.

“That’s not it. This amount is expected from us if we go for hunting!”

Ellie san, you’re not explaining about it properly.

“In short, it’s because we have people with searching ability. If we move while doing recon for large area, then it’s possible to get this much.”

“I understand the mechanic, but how did you conduct a large-scale search?”

How much should I tell?

“Sati searching capabilities combined with mine.”

It is a well – known fact that the beast’s ears and nose are good. But it might not be as rare as Sati though.

As for mine, I’ve an Earth Magic called Earth Sonar.

Originally, it’s used to detect the shape or circumference, but after using it lots of time while building the basement, I’ve found other use. Although accuracy is still somewhat frustrating, it is convenient when digging the underground. It’s easier to understand than the feeling when using detection.

“Of course, that’s not all, but there is no need to spill every detail now, right?”

I also show it to the Guild Vice-Leader for evaluation.

“Is there any possibility for any remains of such monster in the forest?”

“I can guarantee you that they will not. As far as our observation tell us, that is.”

The Harpy is the remnant from that time after the subjugation of the Dragon. The Orc is the one that ran away during the battle at the fortress. So far, there is no sign of abnormality.

“I understood. Next tell me the whereabouts of the Demons according to

what you remember.”

After that, while referring to everyone Guild Cards, we tell where we encountered the Demons from whatever we remember.

“This is all for the report. Regarding your rewards, since there is large amount of prey, we can’t give it to you right now. We also need to conduct an assessment for the material and ranking up. Please come back to the guild after 2 days. Everything will be wrapped up by that time. Is that okay?”

“My rank will go up, right?”

“Yes, there is no doubt. But A rank is impossible.”

“I understand. Next time we will go for bigger hunt.”

“Wahahaha. I’m looking forward to it.”

Since it’s afternoon, it’s time for me to check up the training session. Did Will manage to survive?

According to my own unpleasant memories, the first day is the toughest. It’s hard enough to make me want to die.

The current training ground entrance is closed. In order to go in, I need to go through the guild’s office. The door here is also locked with guards. I only can get through after I tell them that I’m a healer on duty and after they check up my Guild Card. It’s strict like hell.

Entering the training ground through the door, I saw a total of 10 newcomers carrying a heavy baggage and silently walked around the ground. Two people wearing a wizard-like robe are sitting and waiting near the door.

“Oh, you are?”

“I’m the healer in charge of afternoon duty.”

It’s still early. I come here because I’m feeling bored after having lunch.

“Ehh, it’s still very early. We’re still in duty, so for now why don’t you just observed first.”

“Okay.”

I borrow a chair and sit next to them. Ah, while I was watching one of them

fell. One of the healers rush in after getting the signal from Sergeant dono. Looks like Will is not the one that fell. He is doing better than expected, that Will.

While I'm watching them march, Will notice my presence.

"Aniki! What the heck is thiiisssss."

He's screaming while getting off track and come running towards me. Oh, he still looks as lively as ever.

"You, what are you planning to do going towards the healer! As punishment, you're going to carry more weight!"

Sergeant dono scares him away when Will comes to grab at my shoulder.

"Sir, yes sir! Uooaaaaaa!"

Will cried and rushed to the place where the weight is located. Now, now, Will, it's not my fault. Please stop looking at me with those look full of grudge.

"Your acquaintance?"

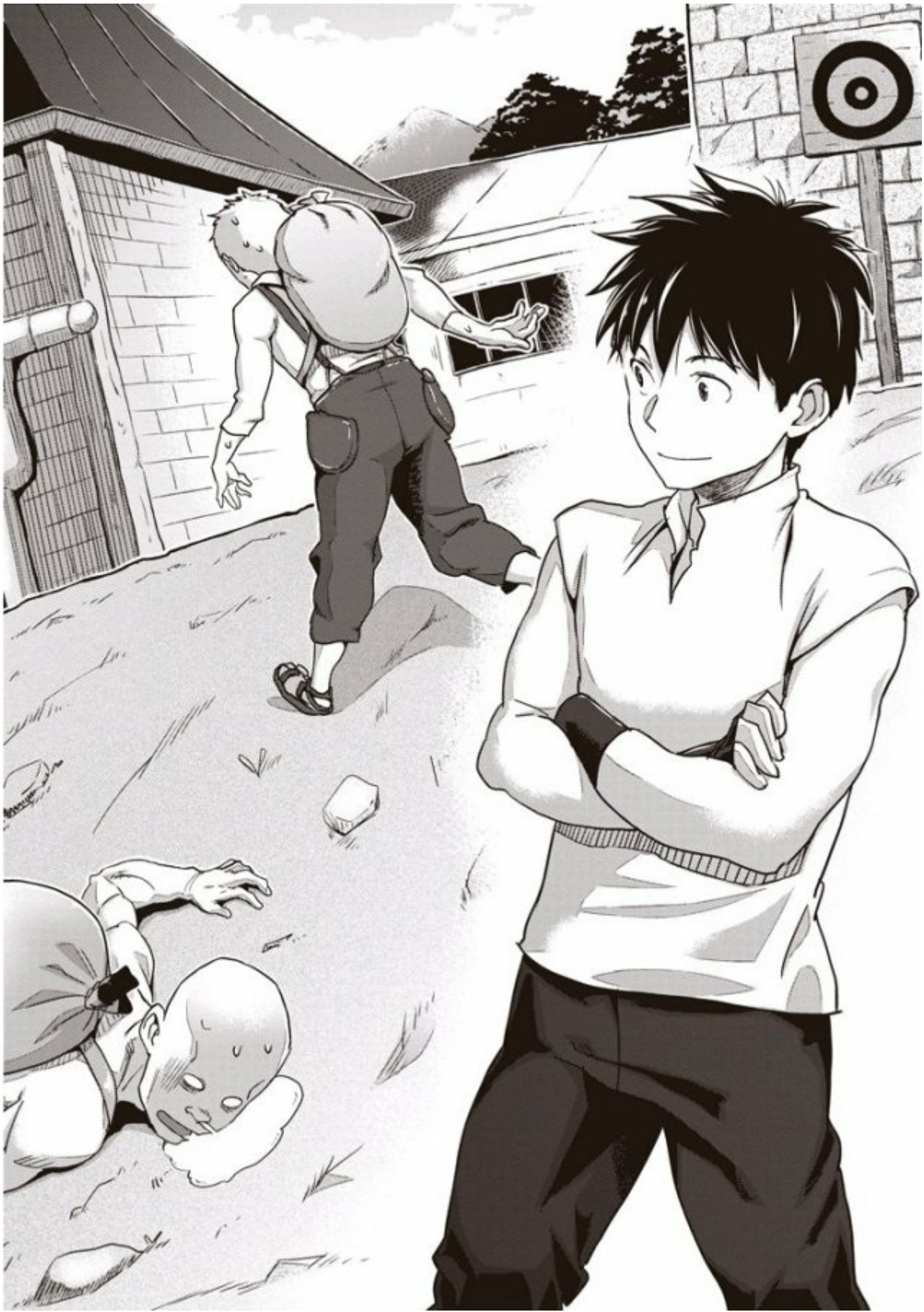
"Something like that."

Is Will related to me? I think it's not wrong to call him my acquaintance...

"It's nice if he managed to survive this."

"I agree."

Will, your hell has just begun. For a whole week, I want you to work very hard.



## Chapter 18: Special Training for Each of Us

The sun has fallen, indicating that the first day of the Boot Camp is officially over. All the trainees walked towards the dormitory. Will stopped in front of me and looks at me with a teary eye.

“Aniki.....”

I understand your feeling. In fact, I know it too well. However, I need to keep my demonic heart.

“I managed to finish it. I’m sure you can too.”

The truth is, the training is not that hard if my memory served me right. Although people won’t agree with me, I feel like the pace was considered properly and there is lots of time to rest. Not many trainees actually fall down. The reason I fell down over and over might be because I lack physical strength.

For the first day, they will ask you to carry the loads for the whole day. Only after they had reached their limit and faints then the recovery magic will be applied. Then, the training continues. Their strength will be pushed to the limit and the spirit will be grinded.

“Aniki.....”

“Here, everyone else already left. Why don’t you follow the rest and go to the dormitory?”

“Yes.....”

I see Will walk off wearily.

“That guy can’t take it anymore?”

Sergeant-dono came and asked. Well, they are bind now, there is no other way.

“He managed to walk to the dorm himself. That makes him better than you.”

“I guess that’s true.”

That’s right, at that time, I was forced to lean on Silva and ask him to bring me

to the dormitory.

“But you manage to get stronger.”

“It’s thanks to Sergeant-dono.”

Although I have strong skills, the fact that I’m alive is all thanks to the training from Sergeant-dono.

“You do have talent. Even Sati managed to grow so much in short time.”

“It’s still not sufficient.”

“I agree. Let’s do our best for this week.”

The training ground is illuminated by light magic brightly. Sergeant-dono is wearing leather armor, while I equipped the half plate that I normally used. We use an iron sword for training. Together with that, I’m equipped with a shield as well.

“Come at me whenever you’re ready.”

My swordsmanship has gone from level 4 to level 5 since the last time I sparred with Sergeant-dono. But, even Sati with level 5 can’t win against him. I need to be serious and give it a serious shot from start. Although the practice sword has a blunt edge, it still can deal a serious blow same like the steel sword. It would surely hurt like hell if I were to be hit by that.

I closed our distance and leap towards him in one step. I’m coming at him seriously, but he brushes my advance as if it’s a matter of fact. I’m going for the second slash, and the third slash, but it’s all been deflected by his sword or his shield. However, the important thing here is to attack continuously and don’t leave an opening.

I continue to hit him, but none of them managed to land on his body. To my surprise, Sergeant-dono is still at his starting position. Just how should I destroy his defense, I don’t know.

I saved my breath, but when I tried to take some distance, Sergeant-dono hastily closed our distance. This is bad.

Right then, he managed to hit my shoulder. The shoulder part is still covered by the plate mail, but the shock still reverberates inside.

If it was a real sword fight then my shoulder should have been torn from my body right now. First hit kill.

The attack doesn't end there. Sergeant-dono continues his barrage of assault. This time, I'm the one force to defensive measure.

But that alone is not enough to stop Sergeant-dono. That's why whenever I received the attack, I'll try to let it land on the hard plate as much as possible as to not make it a fatal hit.

Still, it's a strong hit. If it was a real battle then I would probably have been taken-down in minutes.

A few minutes later, I got hit at my head and I fall flat on my butt. The attack on my helmet seems to have stunned me. The place where the blows landed feels painful and I can feel the concussion rushing in. I can't use recovery magic. I need to get permission from Sergeant-dono first. Enduring the pain is also part of the training.

"Stand up. Your enemy won't wait for you."

".....yes."

I stand up wobbly and readied my sword. Immediately Sergeant-dono start his barrage of attack. I desperately defend against the attack with my sword and my shield. His merciless attack rains on me, some of it manage to blow away my body armor and finally I was put on my knee.

"What's wrong, faster get up!"

Aren't you more strict than usual? He is acting as if this is the Boot Camp itself.....

His attacks are going to continue once I get back up, so I tried to counter offensive him. Although my attack is shallow, it's still making a significant contacts.

I wonder if Sergeant-dono is going to continue, and to my surprise he makes some distance.

I'm saved. I regulate my breathing and watch Sergeant-dono movement carefully. Recovery magic is still a no go. It feels so hopeless now that my head

as well my flank is hurting. There is no way I'm not going to last. Damn it. Even Sati seems to be a decent match against him. I wonder if my basic specification is too low. How come there is so much difference even though our level is the same.

"How can I become strong just like Sergeant-dono?"

"I practiced for 40 years."

"40 years, huh....."

By that time the world is already destroyed. Or will it be saved? Whichever it is there's no way I have enough time.

"I bet you can only need 10 years to catch up with me. Alright, the break is over."

Looks like I'm exposed. I was hoping for longer break by initiating some conversation with him but it looks like he outsmarts me. But, beside my body pain, my breathing has calmed down.

"I also have enough warm up. Let's do it more practically. From now on, think of me as an enemy."

I can feel Sergeant-dono murdering intent rising. P-please stop it. I'm going to die!

"Today we're going to stop here. It's fine to use your Recovery Magic now."

In the end, I got fatally hit 8 times. In other words, I'm already dead for 8 times now. I continued fighting while being torn down, and I finally fell after got hit by Sergeant-dono last attack. After that I can no longer move.

"T-thank you so much."

There is a pain somewhere in my body that I can't identify, and I think that some of my ribs are broken. It's hard to concentrate on my magic when it's pain this much, but somehow, I managed to cast small Heal. After a while, the pain gets extra nasty so I heal myself again with Extra Heal. I thought about asking for help from Ann tomorrow, then I realized that using a Recovery Magic to heal myself is one of the training as well.

"Thank you for your hard work. Sergeant-dono as well, please receive my

Recovery Magic.”

“Please.”

I cast Extra Heal on Sergeant-dono. Recovery Magic really is convenient. Although it hardly recovers our stamina, it’s efficient to relieve us from muscle cramp later and no matter how much we train we’ll never notice it. That’s why this sword training can be as reckless as the Boot Camp.

“How strong is Sergeant-dono compared to the rest of the world?”

While walking together from the training ground, I expressed my doubt about Sergeant-dono. In this training center, there’s no doubt that Sergeant-dono is the strongest. But how strong is he when compared in public? If he said that he barely scrapped by, then I’ll lose my confidence as a swordsman.

“It’s been many years since my foot was injured. I was certainly strong when I was still young, but right now I’m just a shadow of my former self.”

No, even though he said that he has weakened, I still am no match to him at all. Wasn’t level 5 skill being the highest and the best? I wonder how strong Sergeant-dono was during his prime.

“Did you ask Valk about his younger year?”

At the entrance of the guild hall, instructor Samson greeted me. Together with him at the same table is Sati. Did you wait for me?

“Good work, Masaru-sama.”

“Eh? Have you been waiting for long time?”

She came along during afternoon and it seems that she has been training at the sub ground site. From the look of it, instructor Samson has been guarding Sati from bad insects while she is waiting at the guild hall. He is a nice guy. For the time being, I’m going to take a break for a while and sit at the table.

“Sati-chan is still as popular as ever even though she is now a married woman. The guys keep flocking at her.”

Rather than being popular because of a woman’s status, it’s more like she is popular due to a cat-wife element since she is cat girl.

“Just beat them if they’re annoying you too much, Sati.”

“Right, there’s no need to restraint yourself.”

“It’s fine if you punish them moderately.”

I agree with both instructor Samson and Sergeant-dono.

“Um.....but.....”

Once entered a battle mode, Sati can be quite merciless. Still, she is usually quite mature and warm person.

“Now that I think about it, Sati has not mastered yet the art of hand to hand combat.”

“What? That is not good. It’s important for self-defense.”

“If you’re waiting here then you should let me know that it’s already time.”

“Yes. Please do so, instructor.”

“Then regarding the story about Sergeant-dono during his younger days.....”

“Oh, okay. Right now, Valk is still strong, but in his younger days, he is exactly the strongest, strong like a fierce God.”

“Calling me the strongest is too much, Samson. There should be about 10 people above me.”

“No, no. You should at least be among the 5 Fingers.”

“And that is in this country?”

“What are you saying? Of course I’m saying for the whole world. Especially if you’re saying about swordsmanship skill, he is actually competing for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> strongest.”

Whole world!? So, it’s like world ranking. Not to mention his swordsmanship skill is at the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> place.

“At that time, I might’ve been in the third place.”

“What are saying now? Didn’t you win against that guy once?”

“Just once. Besides, I’m a retired man right now, while he is still active. I can’t

say that I won.”

“But if we take pure swordsmanship in consideration.....”

It seems like at that time Sergeant-dono has a rival which he can compete arm to arm.

“In other words, there is only one swordsman who is definitely stronger than Sergeant-dono?”

“That’s right. My master is still alive. You should visit him when you have time. If you want I can introduce both of you.”

“Oh, that’s a great honor, Masaru. It’s not every day you can get a guidance from the Sword Saint[i].”

“Wow.”

To be honest, even though I’m half dead from training with Sergeant-dono, I want more.

“Then how about the 5 Fingers and the 10 strongest?”

“It’s hard to decide the winner and loser for mages. They won’t fight head on in the fight, right? Plus, if they are magic swordsmen, then it would make things more complicated.”

It’s true that the condition for winning must be changed between a match of swordsmen and mages. So, the evaluation will be mixed? I wonder if it’s like world tournament or something. Well, being a mage doesn’t guarantee a win anyways. Look at me, I can be easily destroyed even when I was serious.

“There is a swordsman tournament[ii] at the Capital during spring. Why don’t you join it, Masaru? The prize money is good, and you can become famous as well.”

The swordsman tournament is a regular game in the Capital and the Empire. It’s the tournament where the swordsmen test their mettle against each other. It’s the perfect opportunity for them to test their skills.

“Ah, on thanks. I don’t want to fight in front of crowds. It’s impossible.”

I bet the swordsmen are going to fight in a dome like stadium just like in

ancient Rome. It's the best way for the spectators. I'm confident that I'm going to get full nervous and won't even be capable of displaying half of my abilities.

"It's useless to be conspicuous. I believe you should have more confidence in yourself."

Confidence? I've grown quite strong, but it's all thanks to my ability. Even though the beginner training has done a lot to my physical strength, I can't say that I've gained most of the strength by myself.

"It would be the best if I can just continue living quietly."

I wonder if it will be possible to relax for a couple of years alone this way. I always tell myself this, that I want to quit all these intensive training and live a relaxed way.

"So, what you're saying is that you want to become stronger."

"If you're not strong, then you die. I need to protect my family."

It'll be hard to survive if I can't even defeat the Orc King.

"Well said. We're going to train more starting from tomorrow."

Ah, I'm going to die again tomorrow. In this case, it's easier to join Will in the Beginner Training Course.....

"Hm? What's the matter, Sati?"

While feeling hopeless about tomorrow, Sati comes and pokes next to me.

"Aren't you hungry? Let's return back home."

I nodded at Sati. It's been a while since the sun has set. Normally it's the time we're eating our meal and taking a bath. It can be helpful if Sati wants to eat.

Let's go back home and eat my wives' cooking. Then have them comfort my wounded heart. Today is Ann's turn. Yeah, just by imagining it I can feel the comfort.

What was waiting for me at home is Ellie's cooking.

"You're just starting now? Ellie? I thought I can eat right away."

I thought that since I'm late, the food is ready.

“I should be able to cook a decent meal now. Just leave it to me.”

“What left is just the main dish.....”

Ann says it worriedly. So, Ellie is going to cook the main dish too. I tried to confirm it from Ellie’s Menu, but the cooking skill is not there.”

“Everyone please wait here. I’m going to check on her progress, so it should be fine.”

Ann and Ellie exchange looks. Seems like today dish is pasta. In this case, even if she makes a mistake somehow, it won’t turn out into some super weird dishes.

“You shouldn’t monitor me, Ann. Isn’t it you who said that we can’t cook together?”

“I did say that.....can you do exactly like how I instructed you? If you need help, then come and ask, okay?”

“I got it already. This one is much easier.”

Yeah, somehow, I’m having a bad feeling.

The dishes that came out after a while seemed decent and the arrangement was beautifully done. Is this pasta sauce made of tomato?

“Come, please enjoy.”

But, as soon as I get a bite, an extreme sweetness spread out in my mouth. It has quite an exquisite taste. It’s gradually taste hot as we eat more. Did she mix grinded pepper inside as well? Yeah, there is no way this is edible if someone can’t stand pepper.

“Hey Ellie, did you taste it first?”

“.....I tasted it once.”

“Did you cook it as per what I said?”

“Since it’s no fun to cook as it’s, I tried to make my own original.”

“Is it delicious?”

“It’s not like you can’t eat it.”

“Delicacy.”

Just like what Tilika said, the taste has certainly changes.

“Nothing to worry about. It’s fine if you try to eat it carefully.”

Sati followed up. Certainly, this pasta is decent and it’s not like its non-edible just because the taste is slightly weird.

“It’s fine to turn your eye blind on that one. Picking eating is bad for health.”

“Didn’t I said to do it just like what I taught!”

“But, but.....”

As expected it’s a mistake on Ellie’s part.

“Well, well. It’s fine for her to make mistakes since she is just a beginner. Please try your best next time.”

I also did something like that. Last time, I tried to mix rice with coke. Coke is delicious. Mixing them would make it more delicious. That was when I was still in elementary school. It’s fine as long as we can still eat it.

“Masaru.....”

Ellie looks happy that I defended her.

“If that’s the case, why don’t you finish them all by yourself?”

Ellie’s chopsticks didn’t move after she tasted it once.

“.....Is it fine if I don’t finish it?”

“Don’t do it if you can’t finish it then!”

All four of us tried our best to finish the dishes. Fortunately, after Ann added her sauce on the pasta, it became somewhat more delicious.

Of course, Ellie’s original sauce is naturally put aside.

[i]I changed the [Saint of Sword] to [Sword Saint] as this sounds better and both have the same meaning in titles.

## Chapter 19: Boot Camp Complete

Next day. The second day of the Boot Camp for Will is finished, and now it's my time for training. It was when I was taking my armor out from the Item Box that Will came and approached me.

"What are you doing, Aniki?"

Will still has that cheerful face. Looks like he has some energy left with him, even though he looks like he is dying during this second day. No, more like every day.

"I'm going to train my sword. From now on I'm going to practice with Sergeant-dono."

Today shouldn't turn out as a disaster like yesterday. With my remaining points, I've increase my Evasion from level 3 to 4, also activated Mind Eye. Although Sergeant-dono might get suspicious on my sudden power up, I can't do anything about that since my life is at stake here. There's no way I'm going to pull any punches.

"Can I see it?"

"Aren't you going to have dinner soon? You won't be able to replenish your physical energy properly unless you eat."

"I don't mind. He can watch as an educational session. Just get yourself prepared, Masaru."

"Sir! Thank you very much, sir!"

Will immediately salute's Sergeant-dono. I guess that's the effect that comes from the slave collar, it's effective even though it's just the second day.

"Are you seriously going to fight Sergeant-dono? He looks like he is too old for it."

Will asked while Sergeant-dono went off towards the dormitory.

"For your information, he is hell a lot strong. When he is still a swordsman in his younger days, apparently he was the second strongest in the world."

I told him while wearing my equipment.

“Second strongest!?”

“He was the Sword Saint’s disciple. He claimed to be weaker now that he has retired from the front line, but he still makes a strong opponent.”

“By Sword Saint you mean that Sword Sage?” (Tr:I don’t know what’s the difference between 聖 and 聖っす) “How many Sword Saint exists out there?”

“That’s not it. The only Sword Saint is Balnabash Hayda.”

“Well the name of the Sword Saint doesn’t matter to me. I’m going to die first if I don’t hold up well against Sergeant-dono who is in front of me.”

Can I really hold up against the former world second? Thinking about it making my stomach churn.

“Are you really going train?”

“Train?”

“Won’t you die?”

“I’m going to be continuously be dying. It hurts to the point of dying even though I’m not dead.”

My brain is full with the desire to escape, but if I don’t hone my skills now, it’ll be like I’m going to my own death. This is not time to take it easy anymore.

“Do your best, Aniki.....”

It’s kinda sad that this is the only cheering that I’ve got. Since only people involve in this training course is allowed to enter, Sati is waiting outside today as well.

“Are you ready?”

While making the final check on my equipment in front of Will, Sergeant-dono came and ask.

“Yes. I’m in your care.”

Sergeant-dono’s attack is at an extreme level. Each of his slashes is full with killing intent. The clashes of our swords resonate within the training ground.

Obviously, his attack is fiercer than yesterday.

But here the higher Evasion and Mind Eye skills are proven to be useful. Somehow, I manage to evade Sergeant-dono attacks.

If it continues like this, I think I won't die today.

"Your movement is much better than yesterday. I'm surprised."

Once we're at a distance, Sergeant told me so.

"I'm sorry for not meeting your expectation yesterday."

"Then, let's raise our pace for today. This will turn out to be a good training."

Seems like I'm going to die today too.

"Um, Aniki.....are you okay?"

Looking at me who is sprawled over on the ground full with dust and stains, Will asked, worriedly.

"He'll be fine. Quite a disappointing performance though."

"You didn't miss the vital point!?"

"Sergeant-dono won't hold back on me."

The moment I nearly get caught with the deadly attack, I need to force out more strength at the moment of contact. If I don't then I'll get the full brunt. The difference in our abilities are clear. It's big enough gap to not be filled by Evasion and Mind Eye alone.

I'm forced to heal myself up many times. Even my plate has become worn out after taking many hits from Sergeant-dono. At this rate, I need to send it for repair again.

"That armor is pretty beat up."

Sergeant-dono said so while looking at the dent made on the half plate armor.

"Seems like it. I'm afraid I need to order a new set."

This armor is still repairable, but it's already torn up here and there and there is some improvement that I would like to add too.

"If that's the case, tomorrow you're going to train without wearing an armor."

If you depended on armor too much, I'm sure it'll turn into a bad habit."

"That, if it's like that then is there any possibility that for the training to be less painful?"

Although each hit from the iron sword lands on the armor, it's still hurt. In fact, it hurts a lot. It feels like my consciousness is going to fly anytime. But I never once faint and always get up. Perhaps Sergeant-dono is adjusting whenever is necessary.

"This is the best method. Do you want to have a go again? I still have time to spare."

There are many ways to train if the given time is about half a year or a whole year. Since there is only a week, the training is forced to be a real combat mode. Still, to continue training without armor is still too much.

"Nothing to worry. If I get a little rough then you can always heal it with Recovery Magic."

It still hurts, Sergeant-dono. Although the wounds heal, it may leave a permanent scar on my memory.

"If it doesn't hurt, you won't remember it."

Ann also said something like that before. Is that a saying in this world or something?

"That's the word from Sword Saint, Aniki."

Seriously.....he said he is going to introduce us later, but it seems that its better I don't go.

"Will. You're going to start sword training starting tomorrow. Be prepared."

"Sir, yes sir!"

Let's do our best, Will.....

Third day. Will and the other trainees are busy swinging their swords while shouting. All the healers present wore a tired face.

"It's still early but do you want me to take over?"

"I'm sorry. Somehow there are many injured today."

While chatting, another person fell, indicating that Sergeant-dono won.

“I’m going.”

“Counting on you.”

Since they’re wearing proper gears, the injury is only in the form of scratches. A Heal should be enough.

“Alright, you’re recovered. Stand!”

“Sir! Yes sir!”

The trainee stands and return to the standby location.

“Instructor Vauct is more enthusiastic than usual. There are much more participant’s so he is being serious.”

That is not what I’m bothered about at all. Today there is no armor for me. Won’t we be using wooden sword at least? I guess he won’t allow it. I can’t stop thinking about how much it will hurt for me today.

Afterwards, the spectators are increasing during my special training. Most of the participant for beginner training are here.

“After I talk about yesterday, everyone wants to watch you guys. We have the permission from Sergeant-dono.”

I wonder if they’ve much free time because they’re trapped in dormitory. When it was during my time I can never afford to do something like this.

“I don’t think it’s something fun to watch.”

It will end up me getting knock down by Sergeant-dono again and again. I guess I’m going to get it a lot this time as well.

“It is part of training to see people’s fighting as well.”

“I don’t mind if that’s the case.”

Sergeant-dono enters with a sword on his hand. I can’t get agitated by the audiences today. If I don’t concentrate, I’m going to die. I don’t have my armor now. I’m dead.

“Are you ready?”

“Yes.”

But just like always, my heart is not ready.

However, he won't wait even if I asked for it, so I just steel my resolution and prepare my sword. I still have my helmet for the worst, but without proper armor this is like no armor at all.

“You afraid? But nothing good will come out even if you sit still.”

That's quite an extreme comment. I'm feeling quite conscious of the trainees watching me. What he said is true, I'm indeed scared. I'm concerned with the beginner adventurers present here.

After steeling myself, I activate the Stealthy Step and quickly attack him from his right. Usually, an ordinary guy won't even notice when I do this. Of course, this means nothing against Sergeant-dono. I'm just afraid to attack him from the front.

In order to keep myself from stopping, I'm going to continue attacking him continuously while moving. Sergeant-dono has a bad leg. If I use a hit and run strategy, then he'll have difficulties dealing on it.

But that is quite naïve of me. He managed to close the distance whenever I move. I can't attack continuously, so it quickly becomes a defensive battle. He told us how he has bad foot and there is no problem if it's just walking. But now even if I try to escape at full speed, he never has problem to close the gap.

And finally, I receive a blow on my exposed shoulder.

I get on my knees because it's too painful. I have a bad feeling about my bones. My voice becomes hoarse due to the extreme pain. It hurts, it hurts, it hurts, it hurts.

“You can use Recovery Magic during our fight. Now, heal yourself.”

Although I've received permission from Sergeant-dono, right now I'm incapable of concentrating due to the extreme pain. My magic power just won't gather. The blood is gushing out and my face is filled with sweats even though it's still in winter.

“What. Don't you want to get stronger? Do you think the monster will wait for

you? Stand up!”

Easy for you to say. Still, there is no way I can escape if I don't recover from this pain. I take a deep breath and concentrate my consciousness for gathering the magic power———though a bit, there are some magic power gathered.

【Heal (small) 】invoked. All right. One more time. 【Heal (small) 】invoked. 【Heal (small) 】invoked. The pain is starting to subside.

I don't use Small Heal much after learning normal Heal. Who wonders it's useful in situation like this.

I feel really bad for thinking that it's not useful. I continue healing my wound.

I move my shoulder around. The pain has ceased.

I stand up and opposed Sergeant-dono. Still, I don't have a breakthrough solution yet. It's frustrating to think that I need to endure it again.

“Sergeant-dono.....whatever I do, I just can't win.”

“You can only continue fighting if you can't escape. If you don't give up, then a miracle might occur.”

That might not apply for the current situation.

A difficulty that will require a miracle.....I'll just give up. I'm going to try not dying at this training at least. This looks like its way beyond normal standard, but it's still a training. Get injured, and I can at least heal myself.

Alright, everything is fine. I can do it. It's not scary. I'm not scared at all!

It was after I rolled on the ground for the fourth time that Sergeant-dono give a sign to stop. Armor is seriously great. Let's appreciate whoever created it.

After applying Recovery Magic, I continue sitting on the ground because I've no stamina any more to stand up. The first and second day of this Special Training feels lukewarm compared to today.

“A-are you okay, Aniki?”

“I'm mostly fine. I just need a short break.”

I wonder if I'll just create a Golem and ride it back home. Ah, I don't have any motivation to use magic now though.

“If it’s too hard then why don’t you asked for an easier one? Or, is today the last one?”

“.....no, please keep it like this until the end.”

Although it’s an attractive offer, the current atmosphere won’t let me say that. When I replied to Sergeant-dono seriously, Will and the other trainees makes a meek face. It’s a face as if asking me for help.

No way, I can’t do that. I can’t let Sergeant-dono disappointed.

“Well said. For the next three days, we’re going to continue training like this.”

I muster my willpower up. I clean up my body which is stained by dirt and blood, then I cast Heal again. Sati is probably hungry again today, and everyone should already be waiting for me at home with the dinner ready. The wounds are healed, but the fatigue remains. My heart is still beating so hard, and my feet is all wobbly, but I can never show this side to Will.

“Please take care of me again, Sergeant-dono.”

I lowered my head to Sergeant-dono and leave the training ground.

I pick up Sati who is waiting for me and went back home.

Sati hand to hand combat training seems to do well. The instructors have a philosophy of praising her continuously, unlike mine. I’m thinking of switching over there, but their prepared ‘Hard Menu’ for me is turning me off. I guess this is what people call fate. Anyways, the special training is for more days and after that we’ll continue our adventurer.

All that’s left is to hang on my dear life for these coming 3 days.....

“Masaru, why are you less lively?”

After having plenty of fun that night, Tilika asked me while we’re cuddling. I tell her the event that’s happening since day one. Then I told her about me not allowed to wear armor during training anymore. I never told them earlier because I don’t want to make them worried.

“I’ve used up quite some energy during today’s training.”

I’m injured both physically and mentally. Thanks to Recovery Magic I still have

some shot in me though.

“Some?”

“No, that is quite.....”

There is no use lying to an Evil Eye user like Tilika. When I think about it, Tilika is older than Ann, so she might have richer social experience than myself. I wonder if it's okay to let her spoil me.

I tell her everything including the state of the training where I felt like dying every time. Hearing Tilika's comforting word, I regained back my spirit to continue fighting.

This world is too dangerous since the destruction of it was set. A slight amount of carelessness in my planning may threatens the life of my wives as well as my own life. That's why severe training and pain is fine by me.

No, sorry. That is a lie. Sergeant-dono special training is terribly hard. I've thought of running away.

While enjoying Tilika soft body on the bed, I think about how I'm going to pull a bit more effort for these kids.

Special training, fourth day.

I rack my brain hard thinking about how I can defend myself. Sergeant-dono is aged, he must be tired from conducting the beginner training for every day. Speaking about myself, I don't do anything much except for the special training with Sergeant-dono.

This is a same scenario with the previous Nania-san. Attention to the details. Push the stamina——

——the amount of people who got knocked down today is more than yesterday. They're already turned into a rag. I'm worried about Will.

To get worried about other people, must be nice if I can afford it .....

Special training, fifth day.

I just can't get it right. I can't defend. I can't attack. I can't risk it.

What should I do? Sergeant-dono keep n saying 'Stand!' to me. I heal myself,

and then resume the training. The battle continues right after I stand up. I don't have time to recover my breathing, much less to think.

I decided to take some break while pretending that I can't stand up, but then he start launching his attacks. There is no mercy at all.

Rise up when I fall, hold the sword again and face against Sergeant-dono. It's just like the beginner training all over again. Moreover, I need to apply the Recovery Magic on my own. Like this, I think it's harder than during the beginner training.

It really is.

"Today we end it here."

My knees collapsed after I heard the word from Sergeant-dono.

"A-aniki, are you okay!?"

"Does it look like I'm okay?"

His head must have some problem if he thinks I'm okay. Though, Will is genuinely worried for me. I'll let it go this time.

"Nah, I'm sorry. It's all fine. You're just a worry-wart. Go back to the dormitory and get some rest."

"If Aniki said so....."

"My recovery Magic is flawless. Even the scars will get completely healed."

That's why it doesn't hurt anymore. I'm just a bit tired. It's fine for my flesh or bones to get torn, because I still can heal them. I must never let the pain to cloud my mind. I must not get wrapped in fear. I have to fight.

"Isn't Aniki a mage-type? It's not necessary to have this kind of training....."

"Listen, Will. An actual battle won't be like this."

It's a training without any risk of dying even though it's painful enough for you to wish you died. This is just a training. An actual battle is far more horrible. Though I've never met such a horrible opponent like Sergeant-dono yet.

I regained back my energy after talking to Will for a while. I get up, cleanse myself, and apply Heal.

Tomorrow is the last day. I'm finally going to be released from this hellish special training.

Comes the sixth day, the last day of special training.

Today Will is here as well. I got beat up every day so now I could care less about spectators.

It's useless to think about it now.

But, regardless of my desire to impress them, I just want to win against Sergeant-dono just once.

I'm going to leave the town the day after tomorrow and stay the rest of the winter at Nania-sans place. At that time, I won't have any more time to practice.

"Sergeant-dono, am I getting stronger?"

"Ask your sword."

Here goes nothing. Miracles will happen for those who're striving without giving up.

"I'm coming."

However, miracles won't happen easily.

Whether you're prepared to die, or you've given up, both are useless in front of an overwhelming power.

I need to buy some time, just to survive for another minute. That's what I thought, but death come's in any second.

I endure the pain, apply Recovery Magic and get up. Together with my sword, I get knocked down again.

A blow is fine. Just a single blow. That's enough.

But even that wish is denied. I got knocked down again. Once again, pain.

How do I reach Sergeant-dono?

I wonder how many times did I fall today?

I stand up against the pain, Recovery Magic—there's a gap in the moment.

Surely, I need to use the Recovery Magic. But this is the only moment where Sergeant-dono is distracted, the time where he uses to arrange his breathing.

My body moved before I thought.

Body lowered, I rush with full power.

My body can still move——

Ignoring the pain, *etc.* ——

I need to kill him right now——

Of course, Sergeant-dono is not completely caught off guard. He receives my full attack with his sword. Our swords clash. My rush was stopped.

Invoking 【Air Hammer】.....no, wait, magic is prohibited——

Sergeant-dono's attacks that I've eat full brunt so many times, his sword flashing over my head.

If I don't push it here, then I'll definitely receive a painful counterattack and a lethal attack.

Fear of the pain, and also death. Perhaps there is still some desire left for victory.

That alone fueled my momentary decision.

“Air Hammer!!”

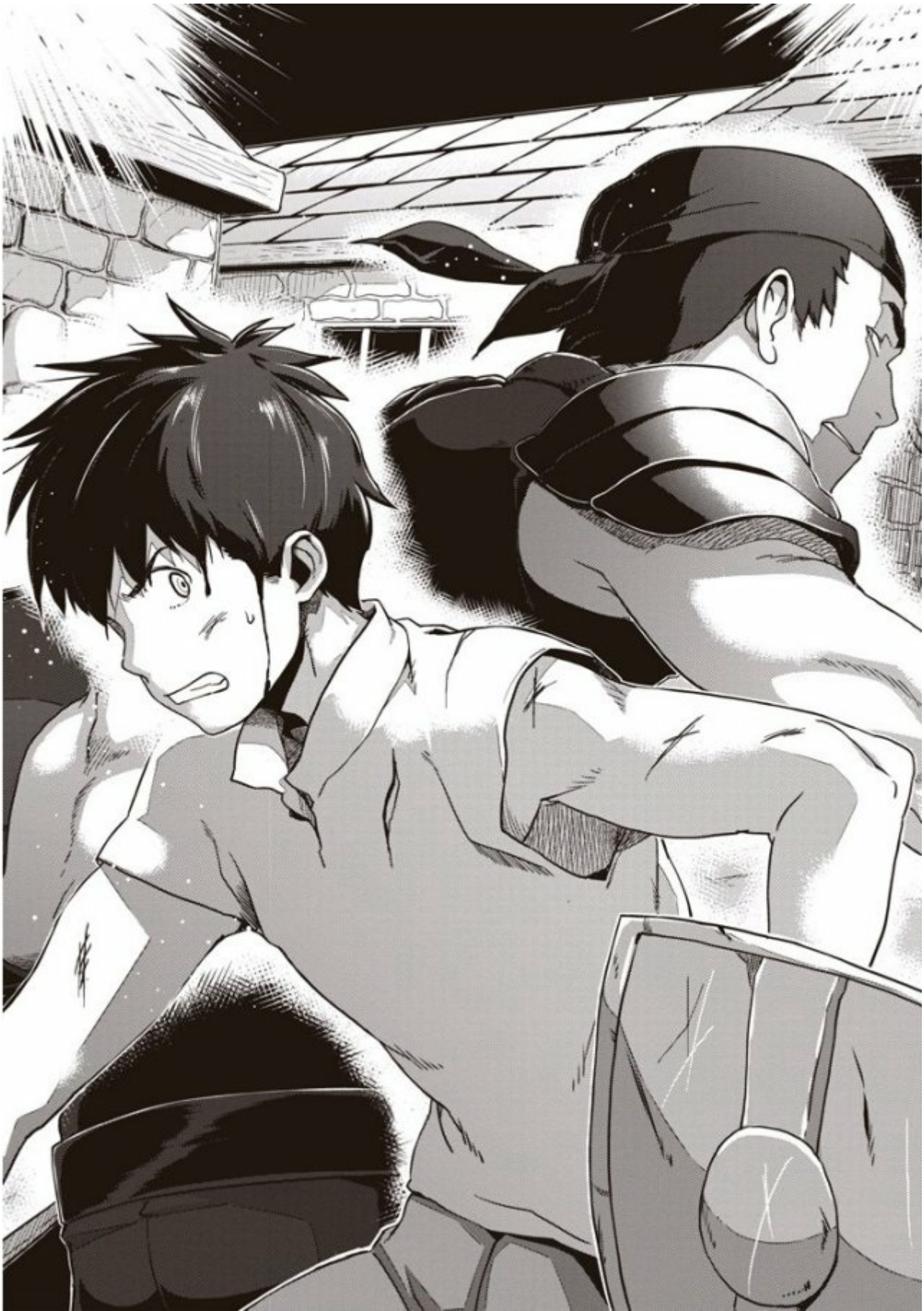
I wait for a moment before activating the magic. It's an unintended feint.

Although Sergeant-dono block my Air Hammer with his shield, the shock still pushes him behind and his stance is all over the place.

Now! I swing my swords with all my might without any cares to the world.

One hit definitely made it. There is a mortal wound on one of Sergeant-dono shoulder. Here comes my victory. It's finally arrive. That's what I thought.

However, his attack also comes about the same time. A counterattack to the sides of my flank from Sergeant-dono effectively rid me of my consciousness.



“It was a good attack just now, Masaru.”

Aiuchi.[1]

No, the damage that I received is greater by any means. I received it straight on my body.

My breath is short due to pain. I can't endure the pain, my knees fall to the

ground and my sword fell from my hand.

I try to endure while my consciousness gradually turn dim, and barely manage to heal myself. Only after that my pain subsided a little.

I pick up the sword and stand up again. I regulate my breathing.

It's fine. I still can do it. I'm already near just now. Next time.

"This marks the end of our training."

Sergeant-dono is standing while using his sword like a cane.

Is that so.....it's ended. No, it's over.

It's bad for me to use magic so suddenly.....no, it's still going continue like usual. Tomorrow Sergeant-dono is going to train the trainees like always.

My bad. Sergeant-dono also need treatment. Even though the blow landed on the leather armor, the flesh under should receive considerable damage.

"So, this is the sensation of pain. It's been long time since I was last bruised."

Sergeant-dono muttered and rubbed his shoulder while I'm healing him.

"I'm sorry. I shouldn't use the offensive magic."

His body squirmed a bit, maybe due to the inflicted pain.

"I'm meant to do this as closest to real battle as I can. I can't blame you for using magic. You're a Magic Swordsman in the first place."

I'm glad. Seems like he won't get angry. Besides, Sergeant-dono continues.

"You attack without relenting until the last moment. That was a good spirit."

"I'm just desperate to win at that time."

"That's fine. What you need is the willpower to strive and survive."

"Even so the Aiuchi doesn't count."

"Your sword definitely landed first. But if it's a real battle, then both side will surely be down."

If it's a real battle then I'll be dead ten times before coming up with stuff like this.

“You manage to land a blow at me and make me go serious albeit momentarily. You’ve really grown much these past days.”

I don’t feel anything different, but if Sergeant-dono claimed so, then my skills surely have gone up. With this I finally master the Swordsmanship level 5 skills.

“You surely have a strange talent. When I first met you, I thought that your swords skills are somewhat stupid and that you’ve got more talent in magic..... but after these few months you’ve shown me your spectacular growth in swordsmanship.”

More talented in magic? This maybe comes because Sergeant-dono doesn’t know about my Skill ability.

Thanks to my ability, my Swordsmanship skill has a massive boost. Just like Sergeant-dono’s observation, I actually have zero talent with sword. His is a valid evaluation.

“For the past six days, you’ve endured the harsh training. Although your technique is clumsy and stupid, your firm will leave you standing. Perhaps that’s what makes you grow. That kind of thought, never forget about it.”

This was the same as that time during the deadly battle with Orc King. That’s why I long for strength to survive. The reason why I don’t give up is because I don’t want to disappoint Sergeant-dono as well as Will. But then, it is my own efforts and thoughts unrelated to the skills that God gave me that let me survive till this point.

What I truly want is not to win against Sergeant-dono. It’s to get recognized by him. Perhaps, now I’m recognized by him even if it’s just a little.

Not the skill, I mean my own might and mettle.

“Don’t forget to practice always, Masaru.”

“Yes, Sergeant-dono. Thank you very much.”

Someday, will I become a proud warrior and get full recognition by Sergeant-dono?

While I’m practicing with Sergeant-dono, Sati has raised her hand to hand combat skills to level 2.

Also, the instructors are shouting something like [Sati is a genius!]. Well, she managed to increase her fighting level to level 2 without any help from me at all. I guess that statement is true.

Ellie finally manage to obtain the cooking skill at last. After my last day training is over, we eat Ellie's cooking again.

"This time should be okay!"

It felt like she said something like that before.

Now that it's in front of me, I see that the appearance-wise there is no problem. Even the smell permeated from the dish is normal.

Suddenly, everyone is waiting for me to take the bite first.

"I want Masaru who's training hard with his sword to have a taste first!"

Everyone knows I'm undergoing harsh training through Tilika. It seems like she wants to reward my labor through her cooking.

Ellie is waiting eagerly for me to start eating.

It'll be fine. Her previous work is something that I can't eat. This time she supposedly did it under Ann's tight supervision. This is a given. That's what I thought, and when I look at Ann she just shook her head.

Apparently, Ellie cooked this herself. They all have a grim face, and to think that I'm going the first one to taste it.....

"There is no need to hold back you know?"

"A-alright. I'm going to eat."

I put the pasta in my mouth. I chew them slowly. Nothing is wrong. There is no strange flavor.

.....rather, this pasta taste like normal? The tomato sauce tastes exquisite. Its well adjust to the flavor of the pasta.

"Awesome, you can eat this! It's delicious, Ellie!"

If you strive forward without giving up, a miracle might happen!

"It's eatable.....? Fine. What about the Skill?"

Oh, the skill is obtained! Great, this is amazing, Ellie!

The dishes that Ellie cooked might not be special by any means, but it's such an achievement that all my fatigue from training with Sergeant-dono is blown away. Especially when I think about how hard she is trying for me.

"Now, the time has come for you to teach me how to fried a chicken!"

That's right. That's the only reason why she is trying so hard.....

On the next day, the Beginner Training Session end without any problems. Their trainee collar is finally removed. Together with me, Sergeant-dono make a speech that left everyone with tears.

I also teared up after remembering about my hard time during the special training.

Will said he's giving up on becoming my disciple, and that he's forming a party with friends that he made during training together.

We're leaving the day after tomorrow and head to the Olba-san and Nania-sans village as per the new quest.

# Idle Talk

Let's think about the possibility of Olba san prosthetic leg.

During the time when we're preparing for our wedding ceremony, I was ridden by guilt for not trying to find any possible solution to heal his leg.

I saw a prosthetic leg user during my time at the fortress, but the design is too simple. That guy wears a wood in exchange for his foot, though it doesn't hurt to walk, it's still inconvenient during sword fighting.

During my time at Japan, I saw they made a prosthetic leg with a spring on for Paralympic athlete on TV. I thought of making something convenient like that. Though, there is many challenges if I tried to give birth the idea, so I decided to train my Earth Magic more until I reach a more flexible level.

Transmutation change the material, it's a magic of state alteration. The changes that can be done is soil to stone for the most. It's impossible to change iron to steel, much less iron to gold. As the skill level increases, there are more thing that can be done, and depending on how you used it, it can be pretty useful. But overall, it's not a versatile magic. Since the transformation only change the looks of the material, it gave kind of superficial feeling.

When I worked as a healer at the shrine before, there was a patient named Julio san who is running a blacksmith. If I had a material then I can borrow his workshop.

When I got married, he came together with Gina san.

[Gina san is capable of doing everything, you know? She can help with your house chores. If you don't mind, she can start living together with you!] Hearing that, of course I refused him. Seems like he hasn't gives up his suggestion for a maid and a concubine.

Gina san is not someone you call a beautiful, she is more akin to a cute person with a nice style. Julio san as a father is indeed a hardworking person.

As a person who is aiming for a harem, I'm tempted to bring the young girl to my home.....it's a pleasure to accept their kind gesture, but I'm looking forward

with my live together with everyone else. My new life is full with fun and happiness. But there are much more things to think about now compared to when I'm alone and when it's just both me and Sati only.

There are already four people in my house now, adding more is just insane. When I told Gina san that, she gave up easily. Well, that's expected.

I borrowed the blacksmith studio and I tried to make an experimental spring by transmutation but it has problems in strength and durability. Perhaps the design is bad or the material is just bad. The spring is unable to support my own weight.

I have little to no knowledge regarding the structure and design of spring, so I thought that I can at least makes the material durable. I tried to harden the material with transmutation, but this also doesn't work. The quality is fluctuating.

After I did a detailed examination, I found out that the part where the I strengthen and the part which I don't are mixed with each other, identified by the mottle, everything mashed together. It's difficult to produce an artisan level product with a magic.

What are the materials used for the prosthetic leg that I saw in tv? It's darkish, so is it carbon? Or is it plastic? I don't think I can get it anywhere here.

I don't know if it's carbon or charcoal, but I tried using transmutation on the coal laying around in the workshop, and I can only get a hard plank. Moreover, it's extremely fragile and break easily. Seems like it's a failure.

So, it's plastic after all? But looking back at the carbon, it's failed because it's too thin.

After a while, I start thinking about hydraulic suspension, but I got no idea how it actually works.

In the end, I decided with the spring.

In other word, a revolving spring. For that, I ask Julio san for an iron bar that can be used as material for the spring.

I process the iron bar with transformation, but I can't form a beautiful coil

shape.

However, after several failures, I came up with the idea of winding it around a wooden stick of moderate thickness, and then managed to proceed smoothly afterwards.

After completing the spring, I ask help from Julio to install it into the prosthetic leg.

The part where it's supposed to attach at Olba san leg will be fitted and adjusted later. Right now, it doesn't feel bad when there is a weight applied on it.

After this product is finished I'll take it to Olba san.

Their lodging has moved to a place which is slightly lower grade than before. I guess they are saving.

Though, it's much better than the place I used to live where I keep looking for the most cheaper possible solution before.

I used the cloth as a cushion, fit it at his legs and tie them down together with a leather belt. With Nania san support, Olba san try to stand up and checks the feeling around his foot.

"This spring is very impressive. It feels like it'll be fine even if I run."

"Please don't put too much burden on it. It's still a prototype."

"If you raise its height a little bit more, then I think it'll be okay."

"I'm worried with its durability. You might get in trouble if you start to sprinting."

"Let's be careful then. Furthermore, it's about time I learn the Levitation magic anyways."

If he can use Levitation, then there are no worries when the prosthetic legs get broken. If the joint of his foot hurts, then he still can ask for Heal. That should take care of the pain immediately.

"That's right. I think it'll be better if you can heal yourself."

For an adventurer of Olba san caliber, he must at least possess some magic

power. Even if it'll take some times, there is no harm on learning.

“Is it fine for me to take it?”

“Yes. How about the height adjustment?”

“I have an idea. If you use my current prosthetic leg as a base, then the problem is solved.”

I confirm the length, and proceed to mold the joint the mold part with Earth Magic.

“Well I'm going to bring back this prototype and finish them by tomorrow.”

“I'm going there as well. Where is the place?”

“A blacksmith workshop at the south from the West gate. His name is.....”

Another day, we tried to make as many spring combinations from multiple material of thickness level and strength level.

Although the appropriate strength and thickness still requires extensive testing, the material that is used is Black Steel. It's often found used for luxury swords, with a satisfactory hardness and thickness.

With Olba san observation, I finally create the final product on a black steel with the reference on the prototype, and handed them over to him.

Olba san is satisfied that the thing turns out to be quite good, but I'm still not. There is still a possibility to cure his leg if I developed the forbidden magic.

Bishop sama ask me to forget about it, but I still can't while thinking about Olba san. This prosthetic leg is nothing more than an atonement to make myself better.

After my work is done, I tell Julio san that the spring and prosthetic leg is free for him to take.

A patent doesn't exist in this world, therefore intellectual property right is ambiguous. Once seen, it's easy to imitate the spring, plus it's not like something that I've thought myself. If it's done poorly, then it will go bad with much problems.

In addition, I taught Julio san application of spring that can be used for

carriage as well a spring bed.

He was surprised that I'm giving off the idea for free when I can make some cash on it. I hope that when the idea of the spring spread, someday people can further develop the prosthetic.

"What a noble reason for giving it for free! Then, let's spread this Masaru-springy thing around."

I managed to prevent him from spreading out my name after much desperate persuasion.

Incidentally, the spring bed idea become popular among people because it's a nice surplus for their night fun.

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マサル・ヤマノス

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 魔法剣士

HP | 1025 [410+615(肉体強化+150%)] MP | 5750 [1643+4107(魔力増強+250%)]

スキルポイント | 1P

力 **190**  
[76+114 (肉体強化+150%) ]

体力 **197**  
[79+118 (肉体強化+150%) ]

敏捷 **52**

器用 **70**

魔力 **158**

### スキル

スキルリセット  
ラズグアドワールド標準語  
時計  
料理レベル2  
隠密レベル4  
忍び足レベル4  
気配察知レベル4  
体力回復強化  
根性  
心眼  
肉体強化レベル3  
盾レベル3  
回避レベル4  
格闘術レベル1  
弓術レベル3  
投擲術レベル2  
剣術レベル5  
魔力感知レベル1  
高速詠唱レベル5  
魔力増強レベル5  
MP回復力アップレベル5  
MP消費量減少レベル5  
コモン魔法  
生活魔法  
回復魔法レベル5  
火魔法レベル5  
水魔法レベル3  
風魔法レベル3  
土魔法レベル4

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### 称号

旅の仮面神官  
ドラゴンスレイヤー  
野ウサギハンター  
野ウサギと死闘を繰り広げた男



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サティ

種族 / 獣人 職業 / 戦士

HP / 1358 [388+970 (肉体強化+250%)] MP / 27

スキルポイント / 0P

力 **308**  
[88+220 (肉体強化+250%)]

体力 **343**  
[98+245 (肉体強化+250%)]

敏捷 **297**  
[85+212 (肉体強化+250%)]

器用 **54**

魔力 **7**

忠誠心 **96**

### スキル

料理レベル 2  
家事レベル 2  
裁縫レベル 2  
隠密レベル 3  
忍び足レベル 2  
聴覚探知レベル 4  
嗅覚探知レベル 2  
頑丈  
鷹の目  
心眼  
肉体強化レベル 5  
敏捷増加レベル 5  
回避レベル 4  
格闘術レベル 2  
盾レベル 3  
剣術レベル 5  
弓術レベル 5  
生活魔法



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### 装備

黒鉄鋼のソード  
軽ハープレードアーマー  
歴戦の弓

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エリザベス

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 魔法使い

HP | 52 MP | 2368 [592+1776 (魔力増強 +200%・魔力の指輪 +100%)]

スキルポイント | 30P

力	28
体力	25
敏捷	19
器用	22
魔力	81
忠誠心	61

### スキル

料理レベル1  
 投擲術レベル1  
 魔力感知レベル1  
 高速詠唱レベル2  
 魔力増強レベル4  
 MP回復力アップレベル4  
 MP消費量減少レベル2  
 回復魔法レベル1  
 空間魔法レベル4  
 火魔法レベル1  
 水魔法レベル1  
 風魔法レベル5  
 土魔法レベル2

### 装備

魔法使いのローブ  
 魔法使いの杖  
 魔力の指輪



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アンジェラ

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 神官

character status

HP | 202 [81+121(肉体強化+150%)] MP | 1743 [498+1245(魔力増強+250%)]

スキルポイント | 2P

力 **90**  
[36+54(肉体強化+150%)]

体力 **77**  
[31+46(肉体強化+150%)]

敏捷 **16**

器用 **18**

魔力 **75**

忠誠心 **71**

### スキル

料理レベル3  
家事レベル2  
肉体強化レベル3  
棍棒術レベル4  
魔力増強レベル5  
MP回復力アップレベル5  
MP消費量減レベル3  
魔力感知レベル1  
回復魔法レベル5  
水魔法レベル4

### 装備

鉄のメイス  
鉄のバックラー  
神殿騎士団の鎧



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ティリカ

character status

種族 | ヒューマン 職業 | 三級真偽官

HP | 33 MP | 1498 [428+1070 (魔力増強 +250%)]

スキルポイント | 30P

力 12

体力 16

敏捷 20

器用 22

魔力 72

忠誠心 75

### スキル

料理レベル 1  
魔眼 (真偽)  
魔力増強レベル 5  
MP回復力アップレベル 5  
魔力感知レベル 1  
水魔法レベル 4  
召喚魔法レベル 4

### 装備

レザーアーマー  
魔法使いのローブ



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